THE POINTER

1970

Terry,
It has been fun
arguing with Kathy +
others. I hope we can
get mister Panther next
year!
Becky
Stetman
P.S. Luck.

Terry,
It has been
nice having you
in class.
Miss Denton

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Pam Dankesley (Major Chick
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Here

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Chuck
Clemmons

Dear
Richmond
Major
'69-'70
'70-'71

TERRIE,
YOU'RE A REAL CUTE
AND SWEET GUY! YOUR
PERSONALITY IS JUST GREAT, TOO.
BEST OF LUCK IN
JUNIOR + SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL!!!

To a real
swell guy. Wine
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had fun in Math class
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БЕЛОЧЕЛЬ

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Carl
FIRES.

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Jerry Neal

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Dear Jerry,

It has been loads of fun knowing you. All the insults we've given eachother are just words. Besides you are a pretty cool guy. May everything you do be successful. I hope to see you next year in some of our classes. It'll be great being freshmen. Well lots of luck in the future. Love

Diane
Alexander

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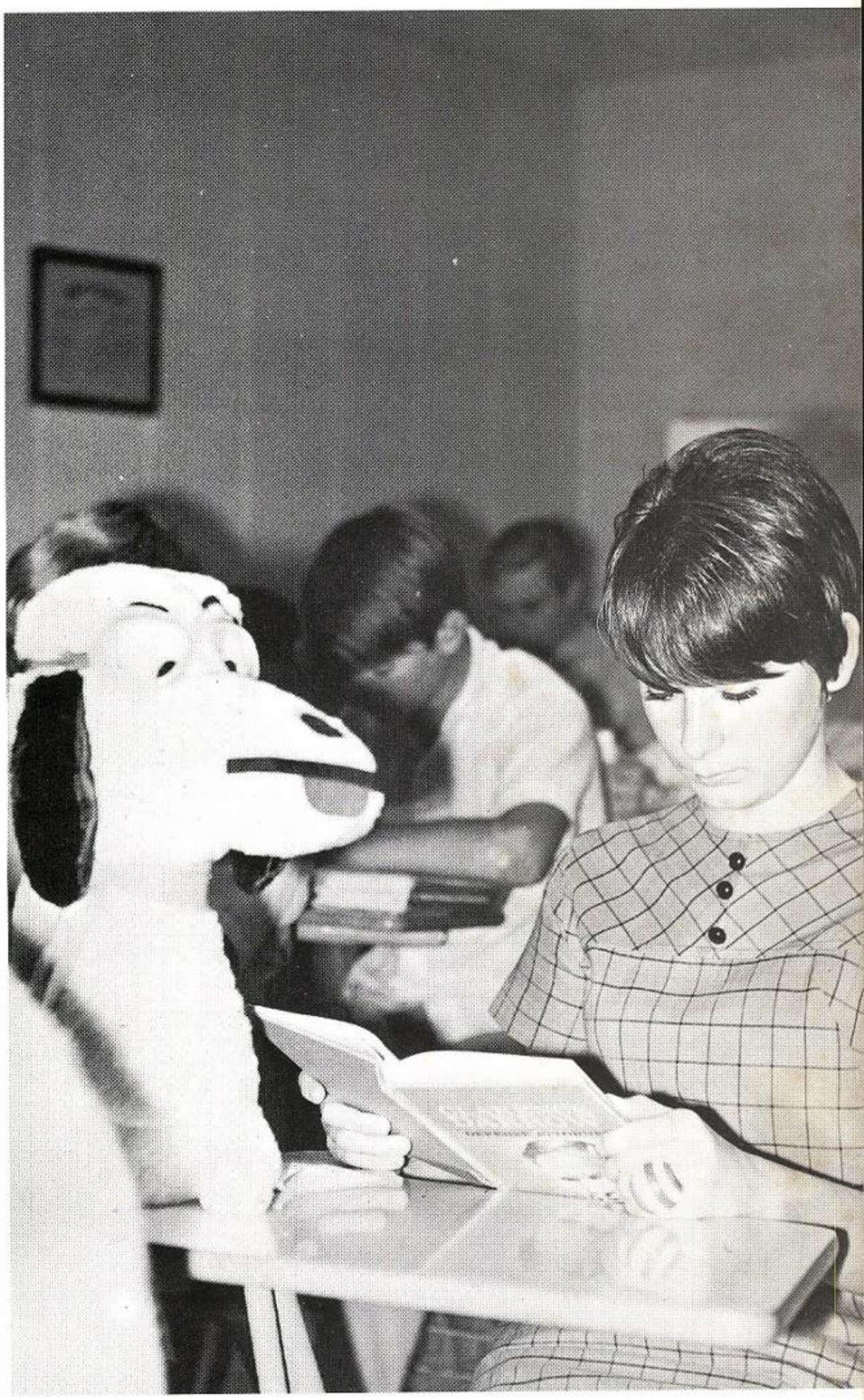

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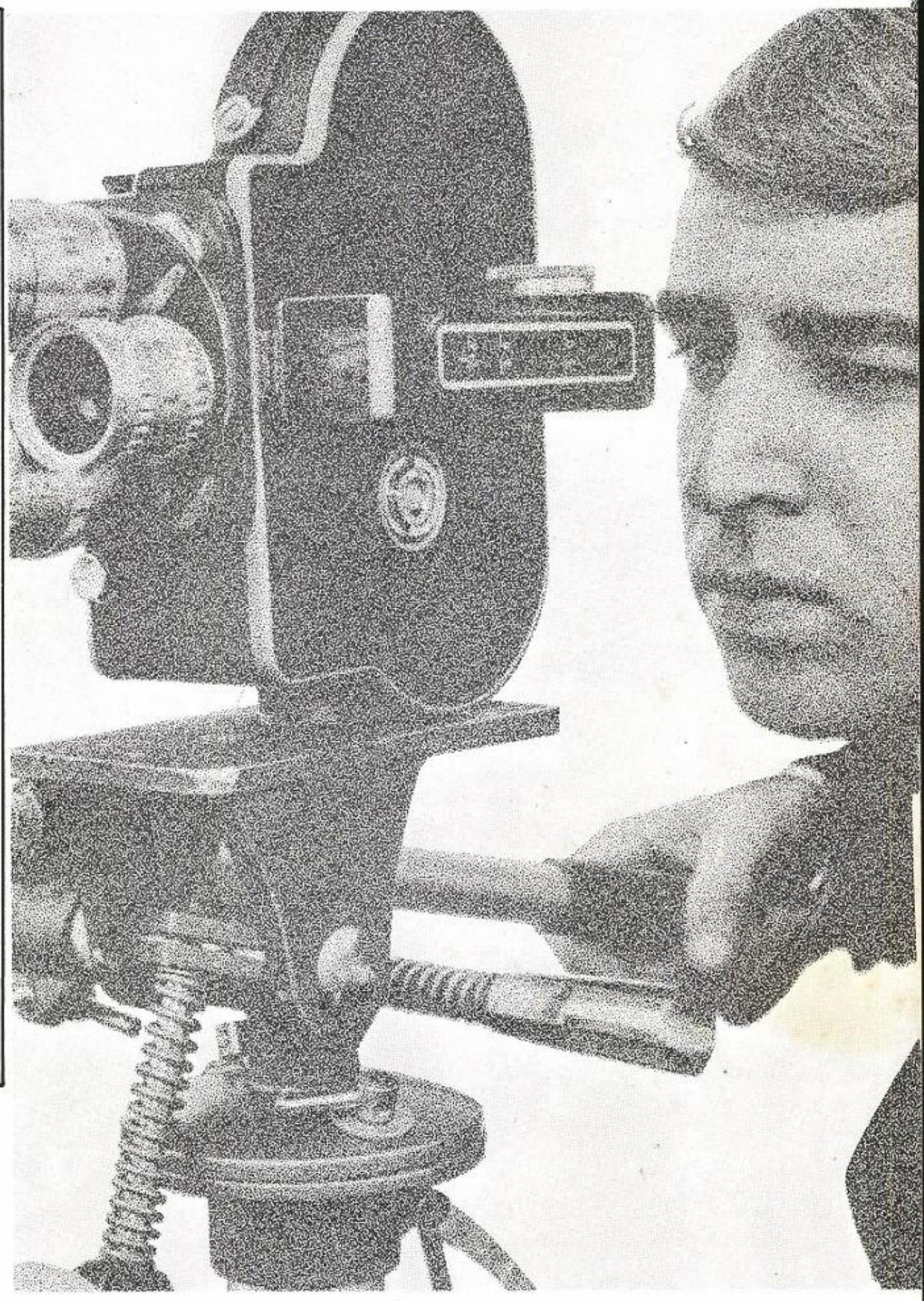
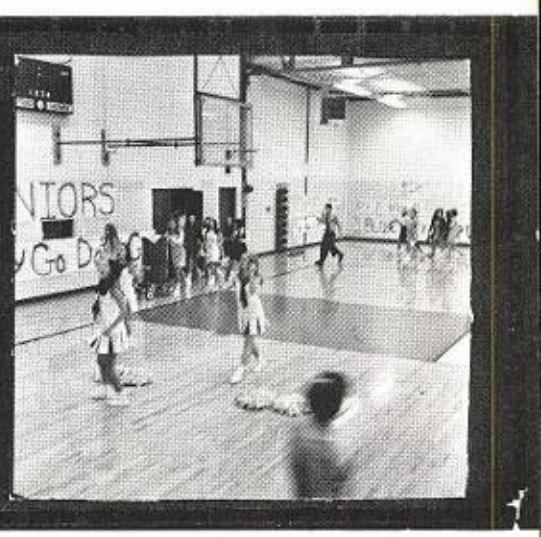
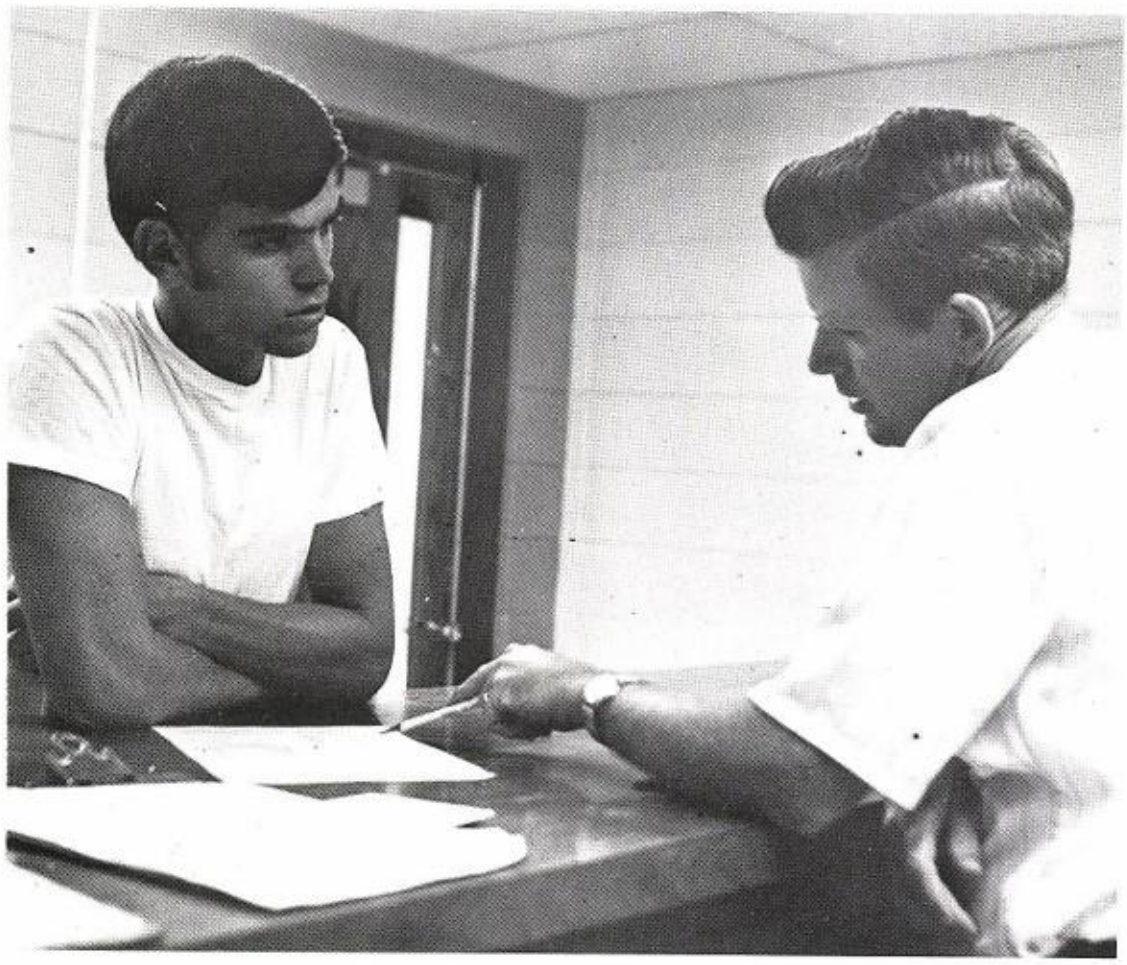




Camera Captures a Year of Greatness



Sound! Camera! Action!

These are the commands of filmdom. They are expressions which capture the drama and excitement of 1969-70 at Van Buren Senior High School.

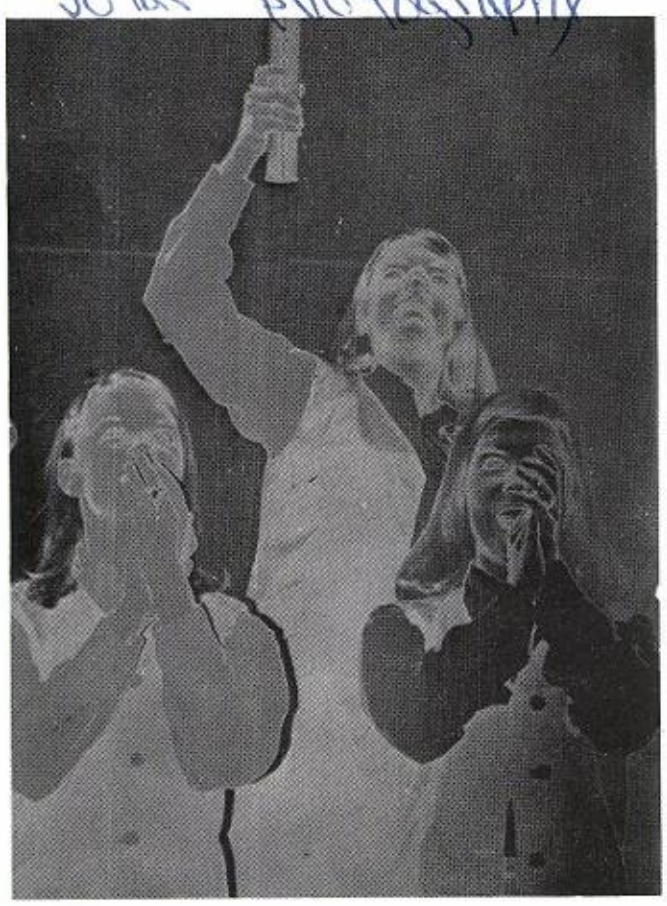
And what better mode of communication is there of presenting such a "now" story than through the modern medium of the motion picture—often heralded as the most creative form of true American art.

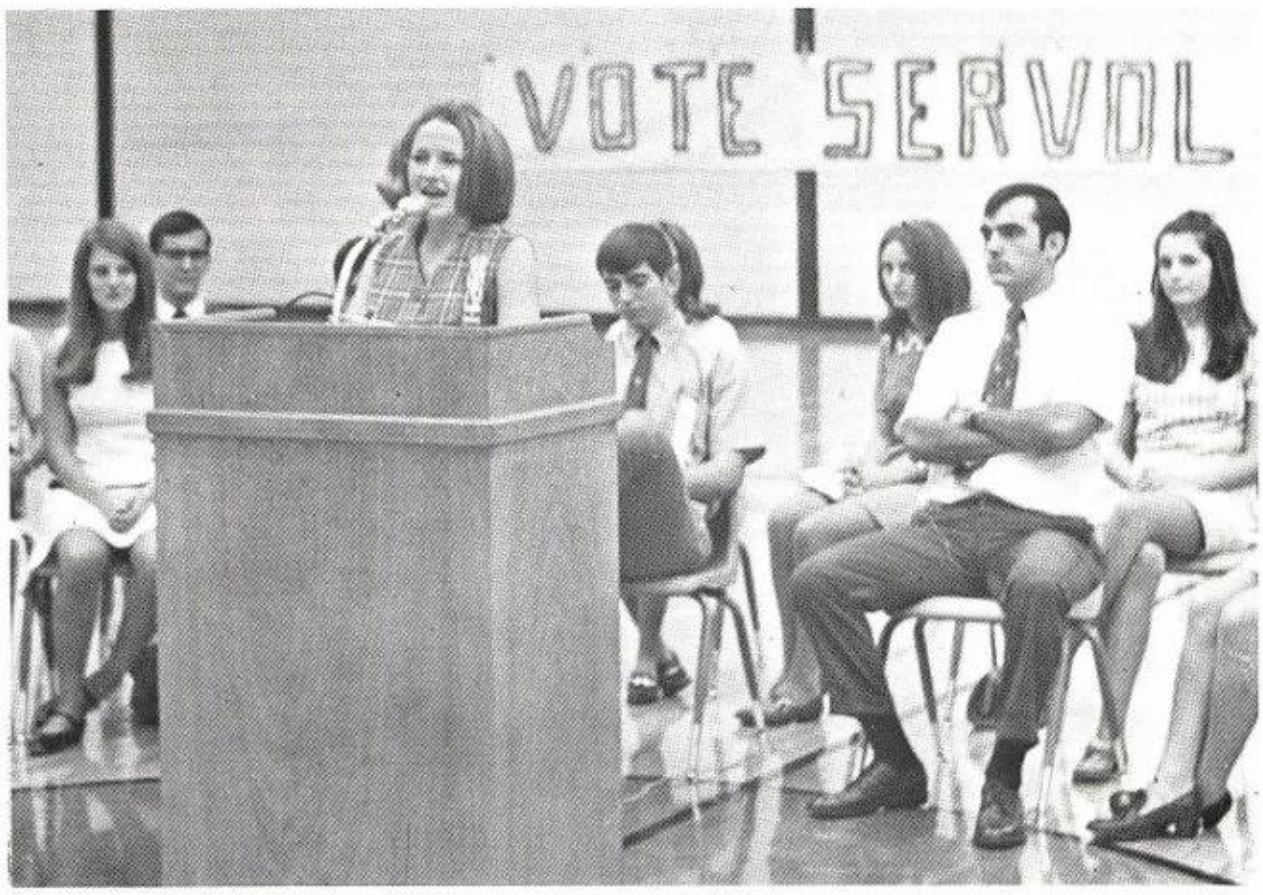
Just as a motion picture could not be filmed without directors, producers, characters, scenes and script, neither could our story be presented without these five vital elements. In truth, without them there would be no story to tell.

This composite story is representative of all who play a role at Van Buren High—the cast, directors, producers. It is everyone's story because it is. . .

THE POINTER STORY

Solar photography





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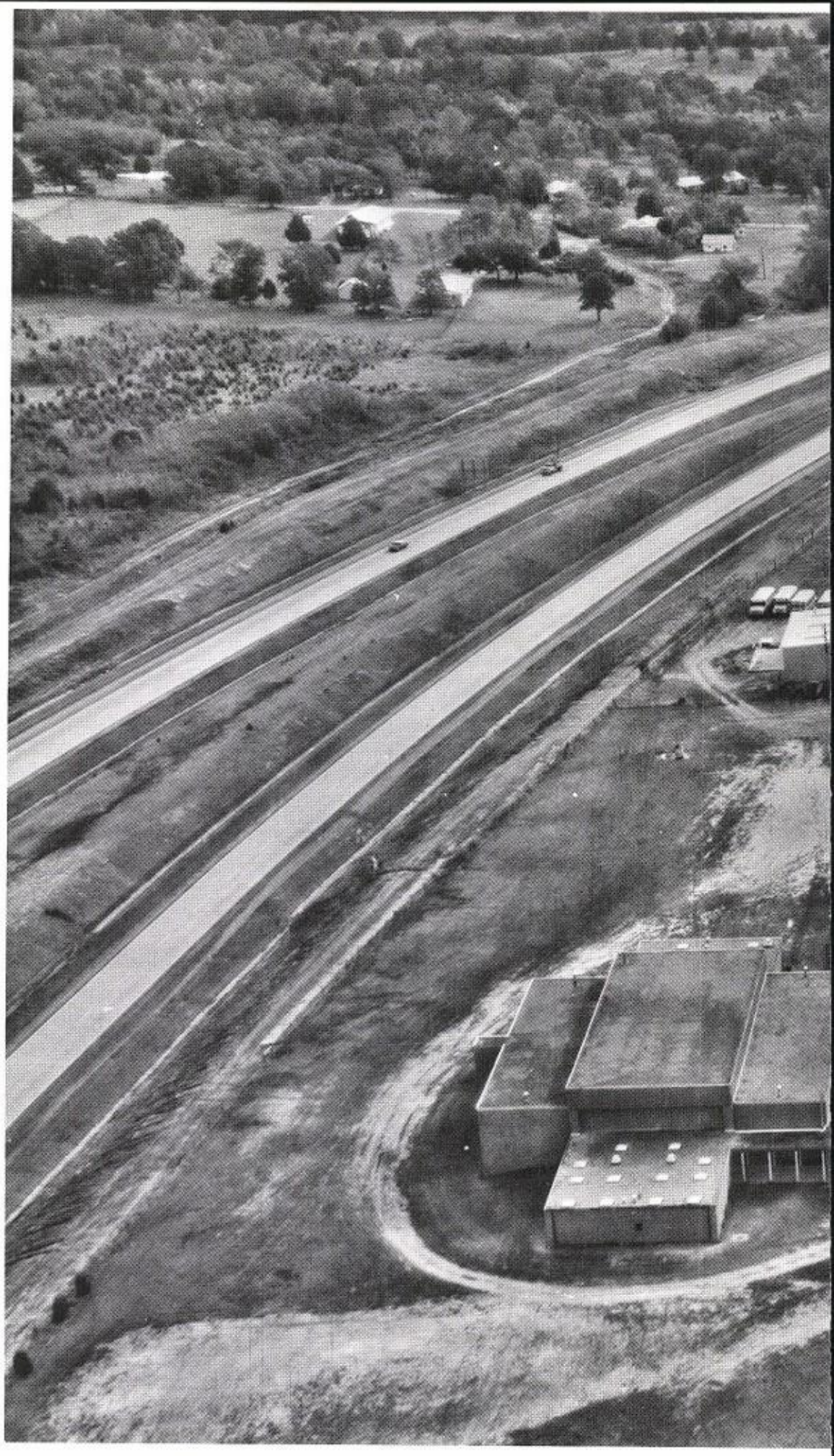
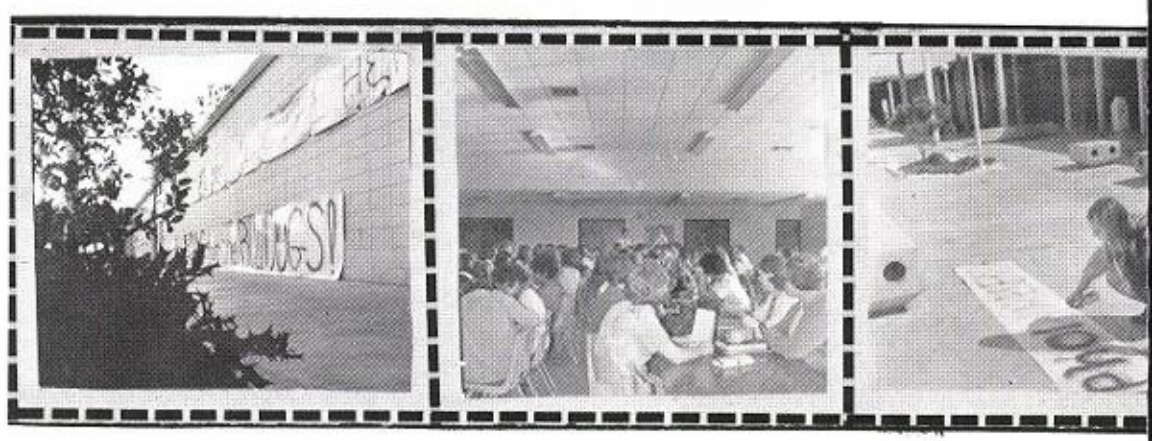
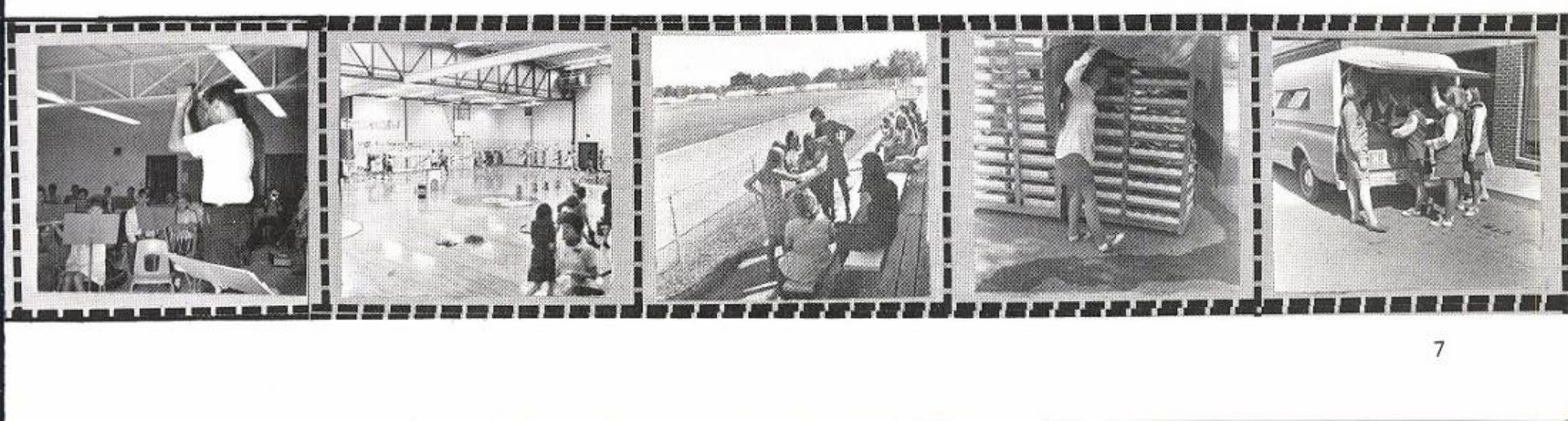


Filmed where it actually happened, our story has many different scenes. Two of them, however, are:

The buildings—as modern as the generation they encompass.

The faces—as readable as the script itself in telling of the hopes, expectations, joys and sorrows of the characters.





Scene of Life Reveals Victory, Defeat

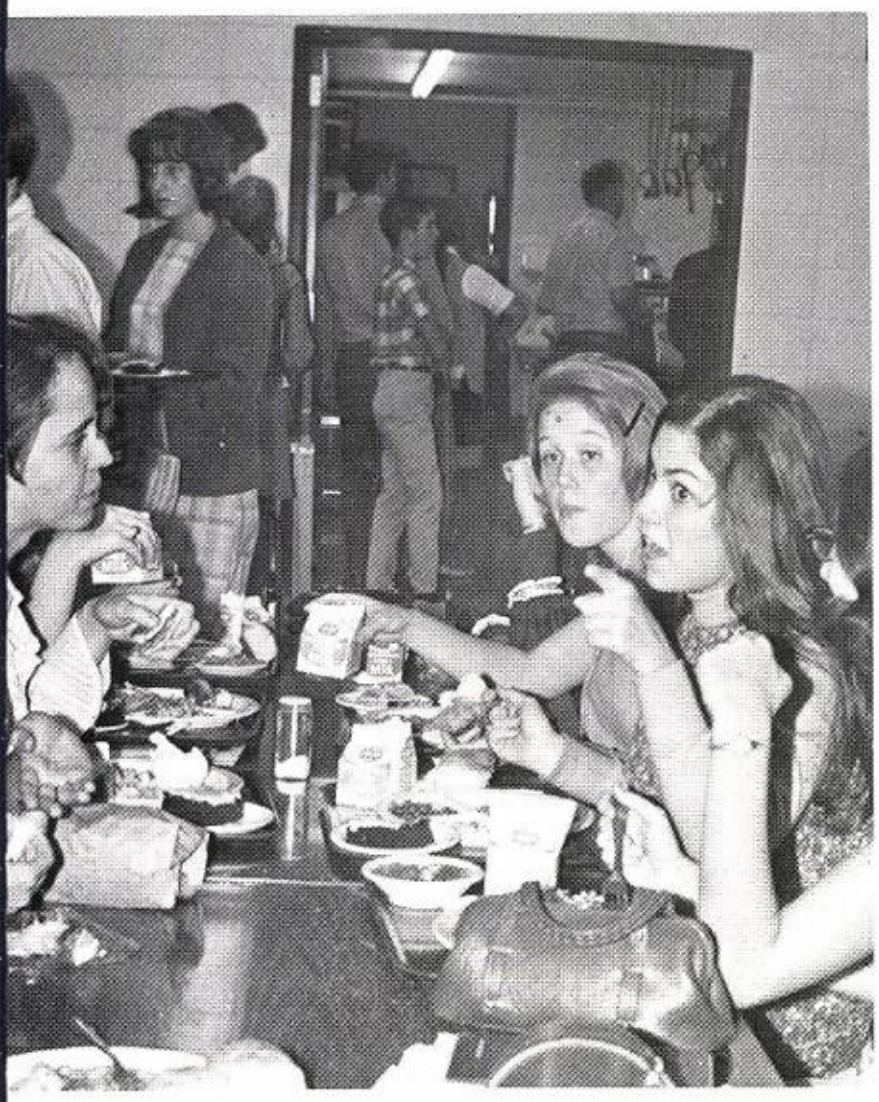
Life, to the characters in our story, means more than merely breathing or simply existing. Life, to them, is animated, alive; the thrills and happiness it can bring may reach the point of intoxication.

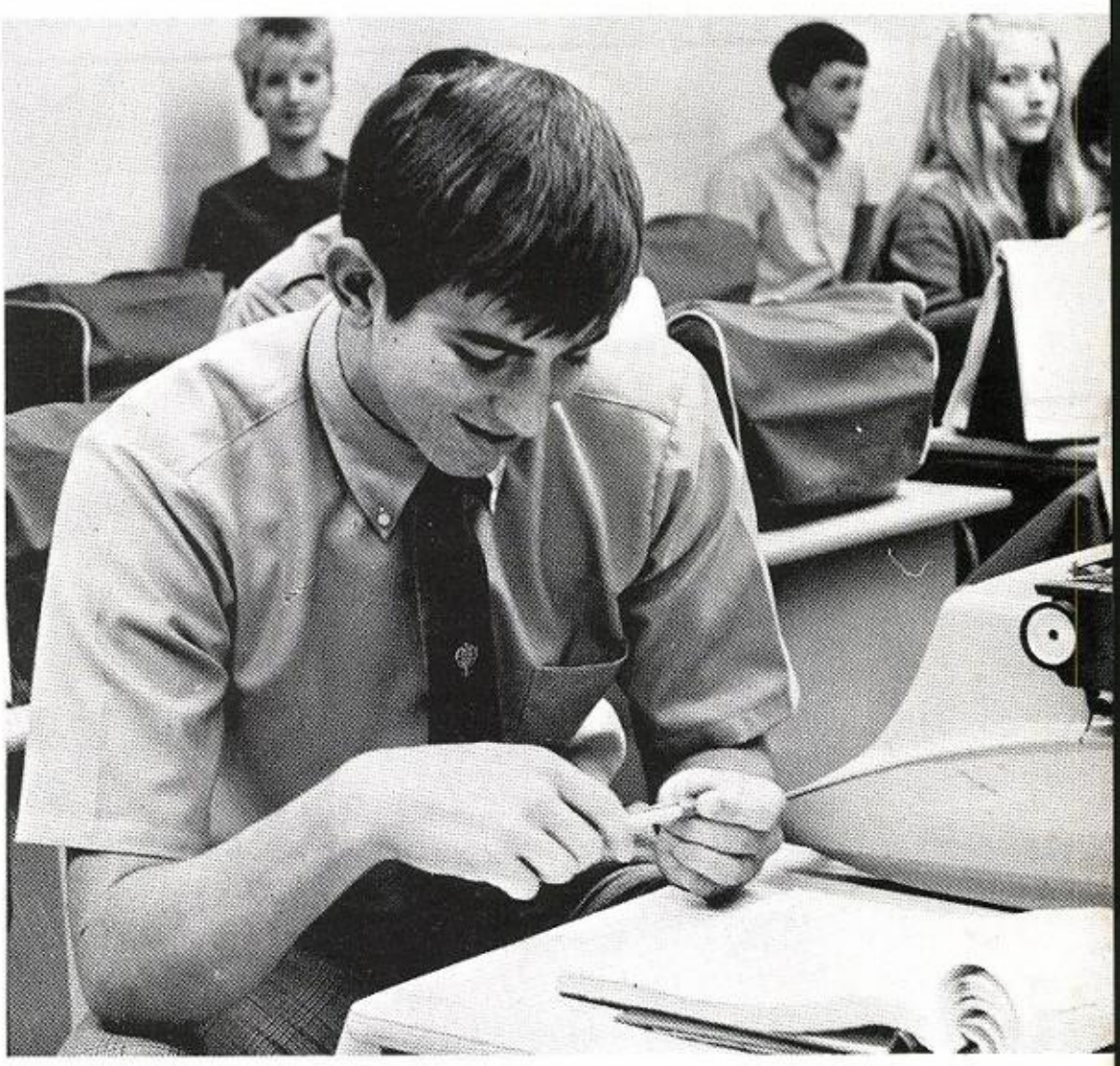
As a modern day composer wrote, "I want to live, not merely survive," so it is with our cast. Living every moment to its fullest, extracting from life each fulfilling particle.

Accomplishing such a task not only means enjoying the happiness life affords but also carrying its responsibilities as well. Service, ambition, participation, all are necessary to obtain the most from life.

Even doing things we consider unpleasant and associating with people we dislike helps to enrich life and our tolerance of others. Frequently the key to success is summed up as not merely doing what you like but liking what you do.

In filming our story, life necessitates many, varying pictures for there are many of life. There are the exciting moments of cheering your team to victory, the unguarded moments of being yourself, the serious moments of contemplation. . .all of these are life. All must be present for life to be portrayed in its true dimension.

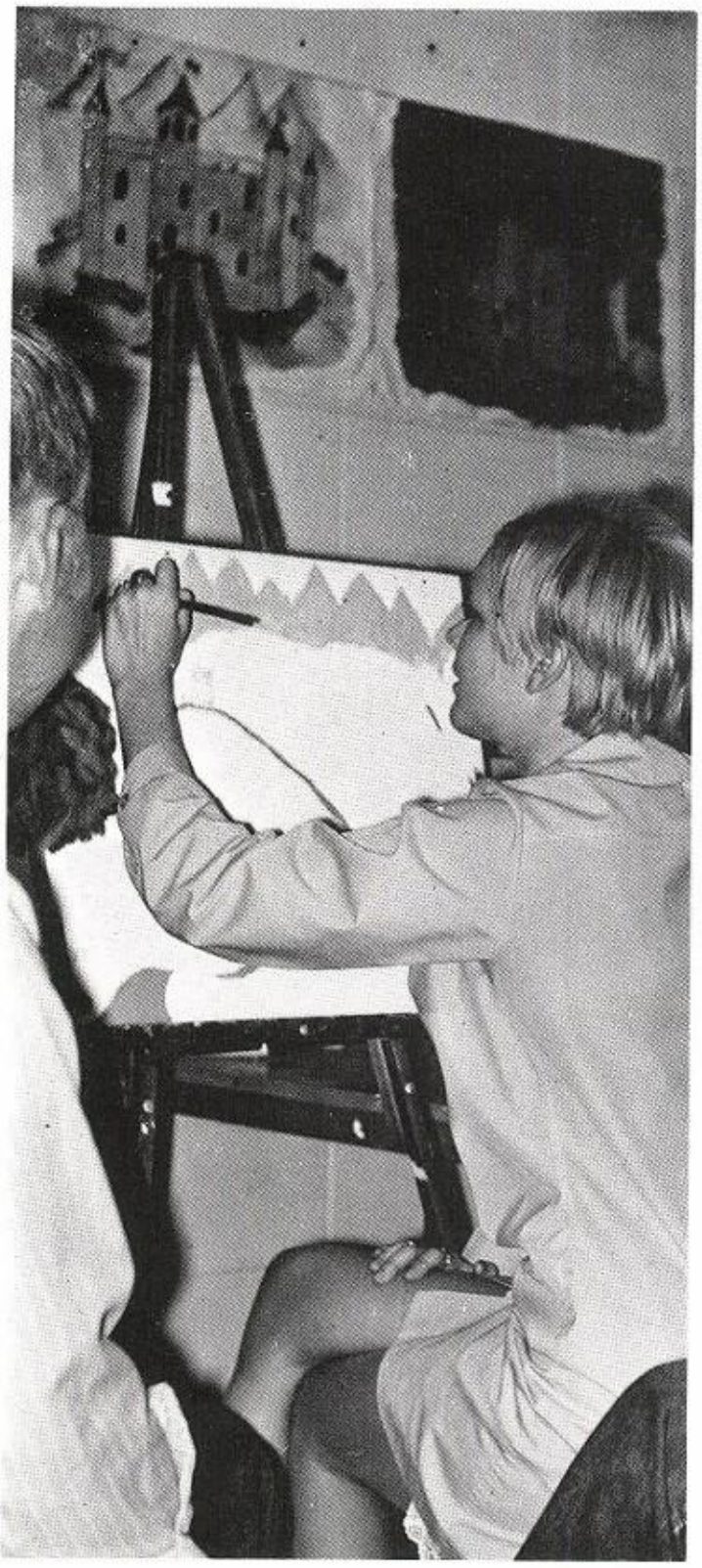




Scene of Color. . .

Many things add color besides merely the hues of color, such as red, blue, green, and white. Living, vibrant existence adds much to the color of a movie. Even before the era of Technicolor, many films were described as "colorful," just as many books are described in that manner. For color also describes the depth and vitality produced in the picture.

Without both types of color our story would have no depth. With them the picture is alive and moving.



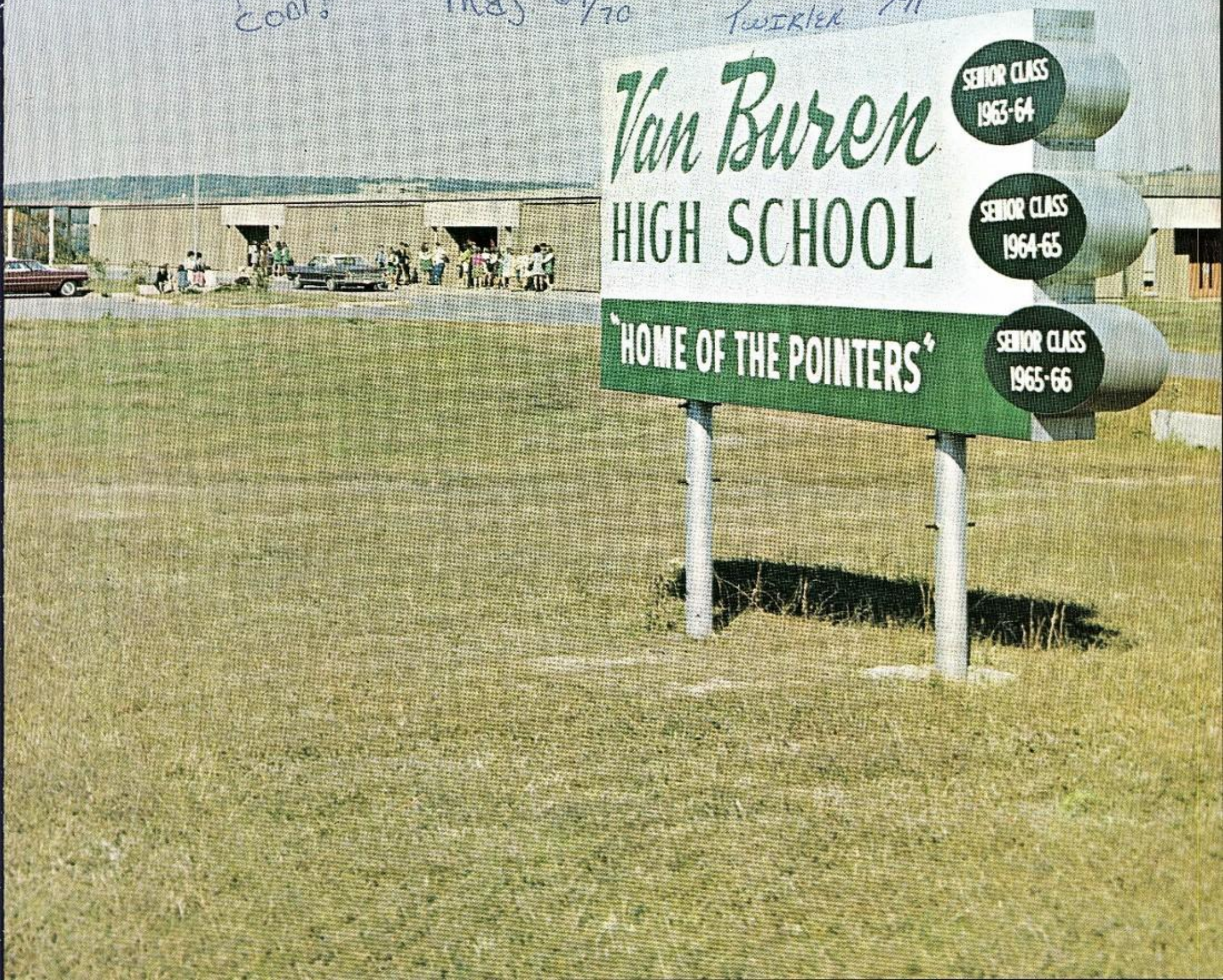
Terry,

You a real sweet, cute guy. Sure had alot of fun being in math History with ya. I feel sorry for you 'cause Mr. Barthes picked on you alot. Hope we have classes together next year. I'm really looking forward to being 9th graders. Kept your Well Rest of Luck have fun this summer. I'll see you next year.

Love,
Becky Jones
Features 70/71
Twirler

Keep your cool!

MAJ 69/70



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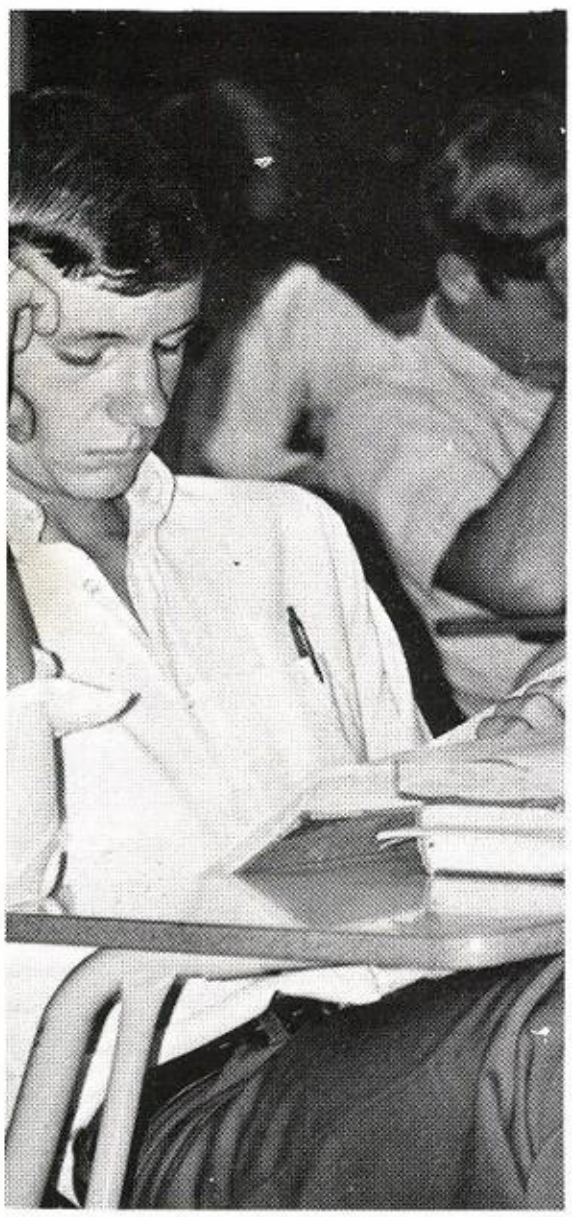
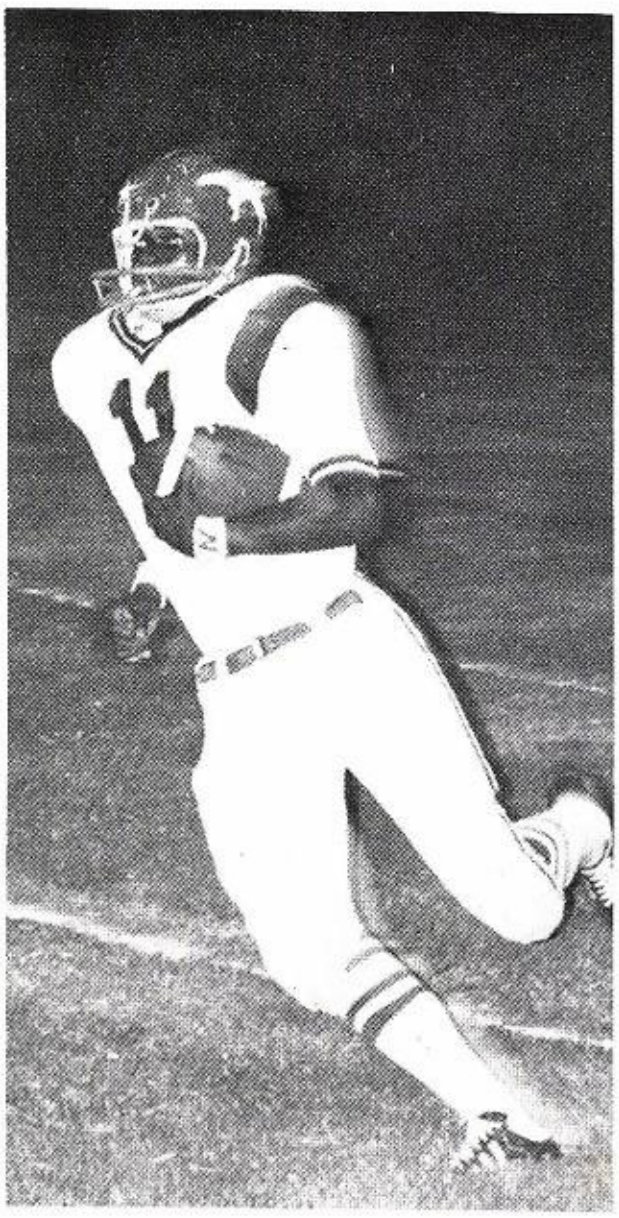
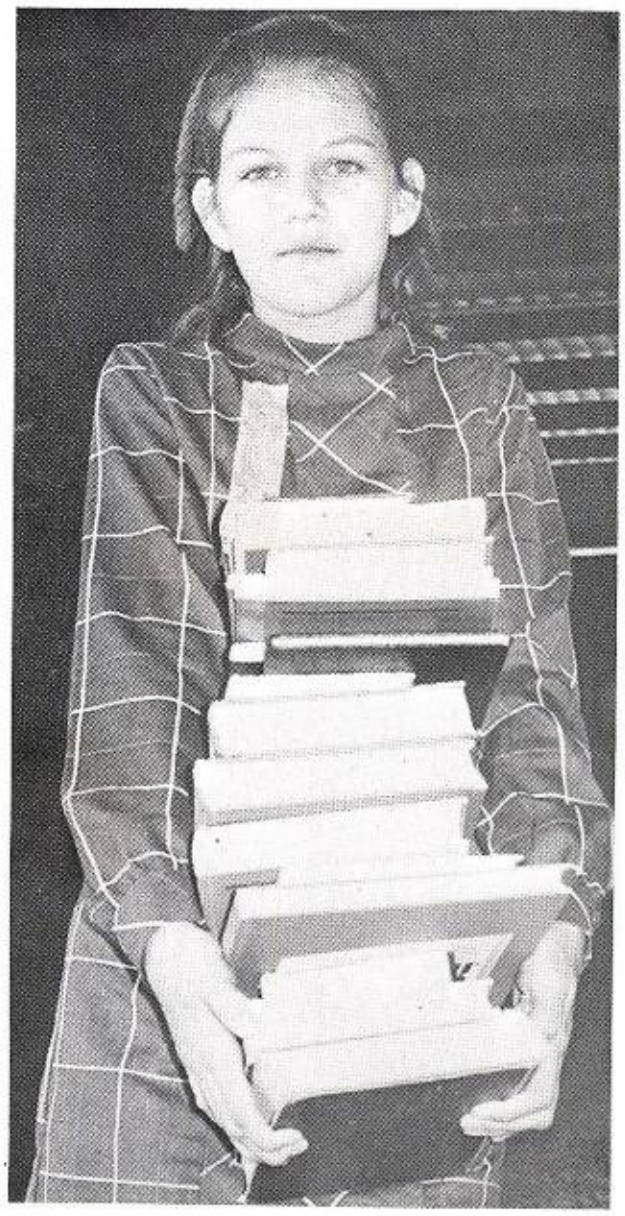


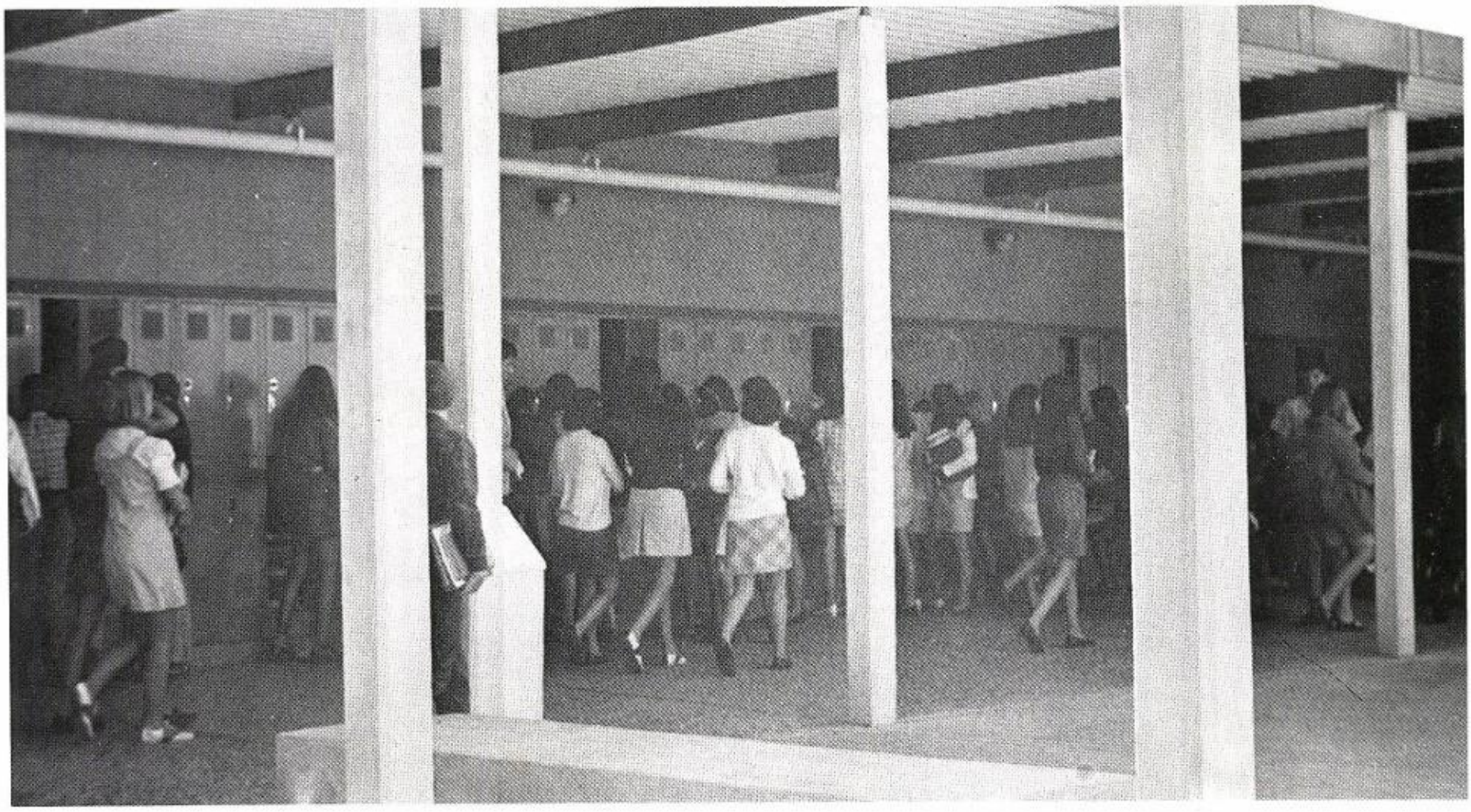




Scene of Work . . .

Preparing signs and skits for a pep rally, running a long, hard campaign for a class office, performing services for others, the satisfaction of seeing your painting completed, bringing home high ratings from band and choral music competitions, passing a senior English test—all of these involve long hours of hard work.

No "Oscars" are given for these long hours spent preparing the signs and skits, or working in the library, or on the newspaper or yearbook. There are no cheering audiences, no screaming fans, yet the rewards are still present. Though this backstage drudgery oftentimes has no rewards in the form of money, grades, or gifts, a special feeling of satisfaction—unique to our school—helps to make it all seem worthwhile. The friendships and experience gained frequently are more valuable than the other prizes could ever be.



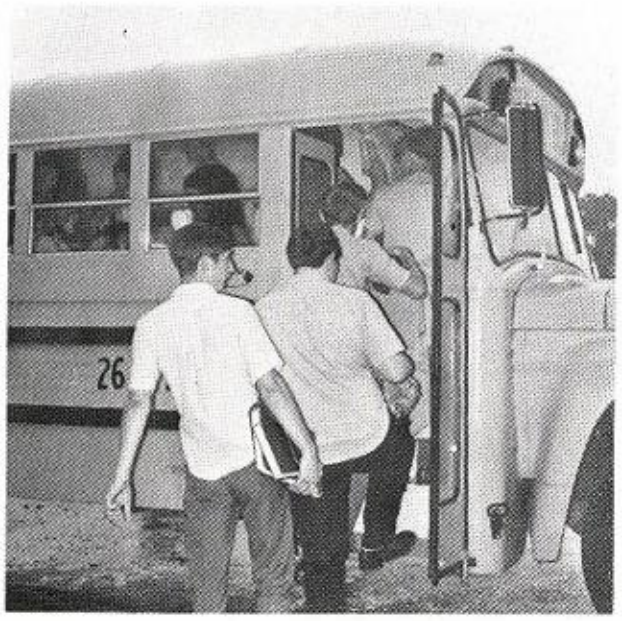
Scene of Lasting Memories . . .

Homecoming, Sadie Hawkins day, football, basketball, band trips, lunch time, valentine dance, Christmas vacation, arrival of the yearbooks, your first date, graduation—memories, yesterdays which shape tomorrow.

The ordinary as well as the extraordinary seem to remain in our minds over the years. Lunchroom dialogues, sliding into class two seconds before the tardy bell, teachers going just a step beyond to help students along, making new friends, discovering our abilities—all of these constitute memories, uneventful, but memorable.

Being selected DECA sweetheart, band queen, FHA beau, king or queen of hearts, elected to the Hall of Fame, Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Quill and Scroll, class president—the eventful memories.

In the final analysis, this year has been unique in its quest for betterment. It will be remembered.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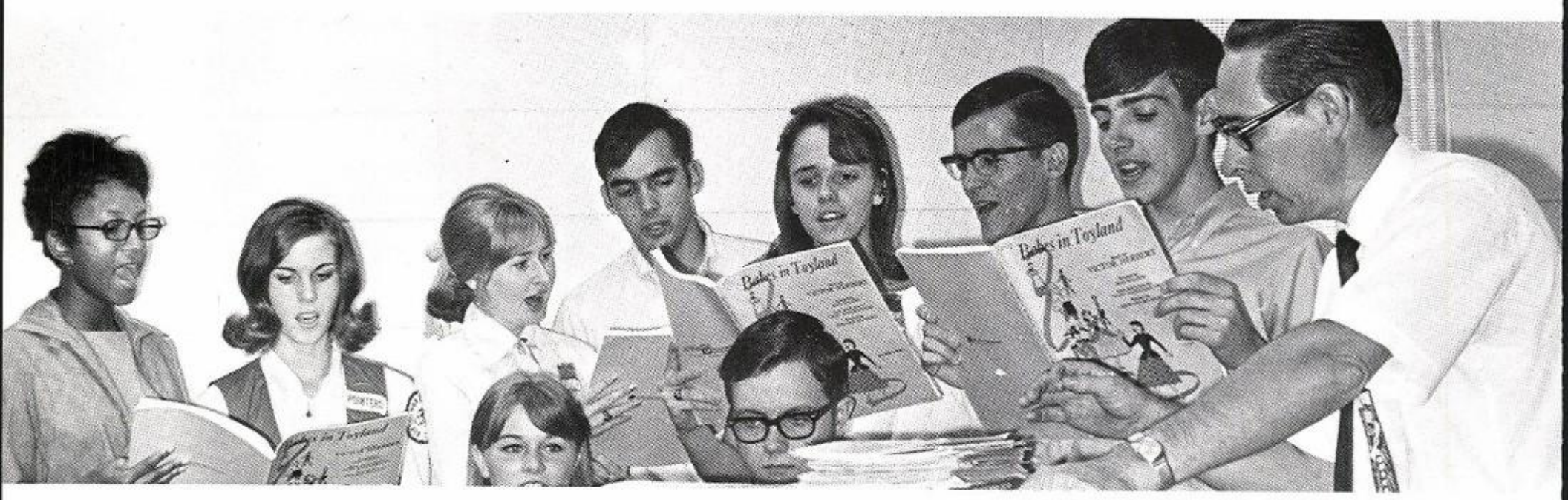
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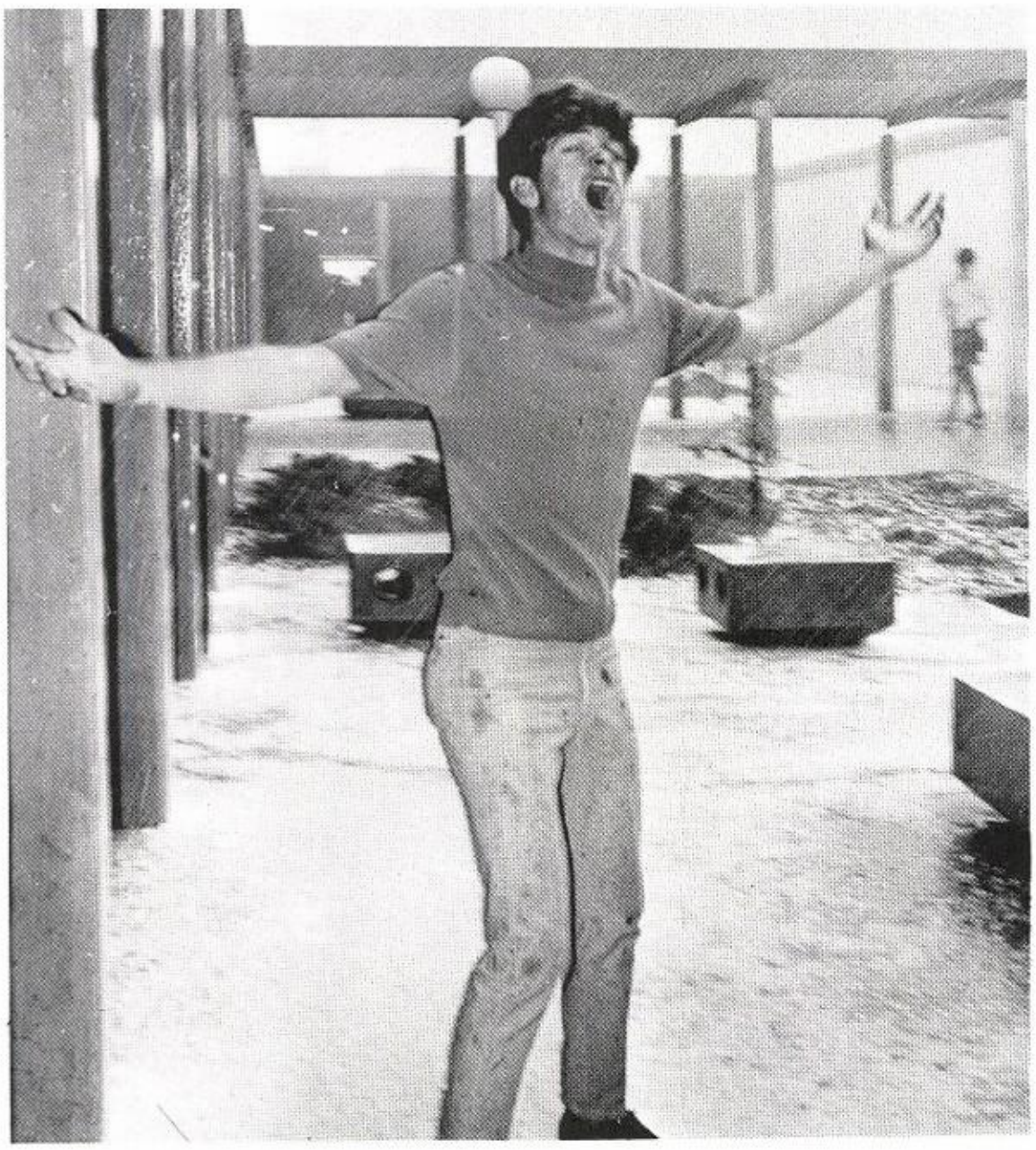
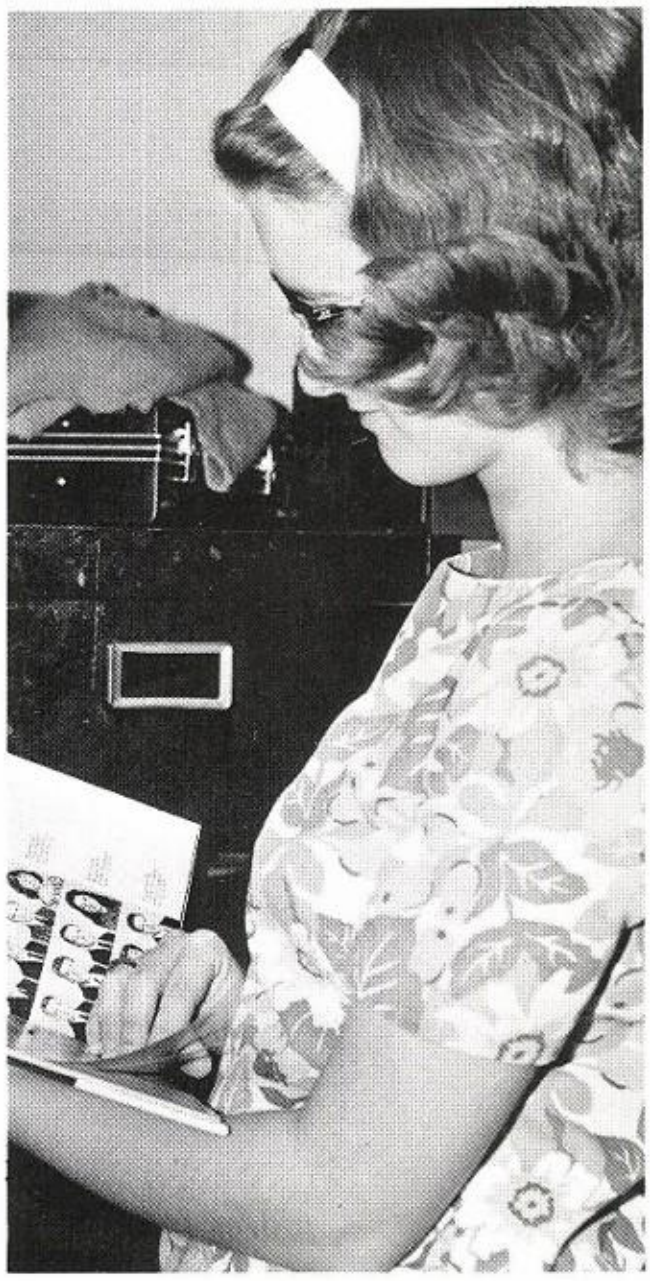


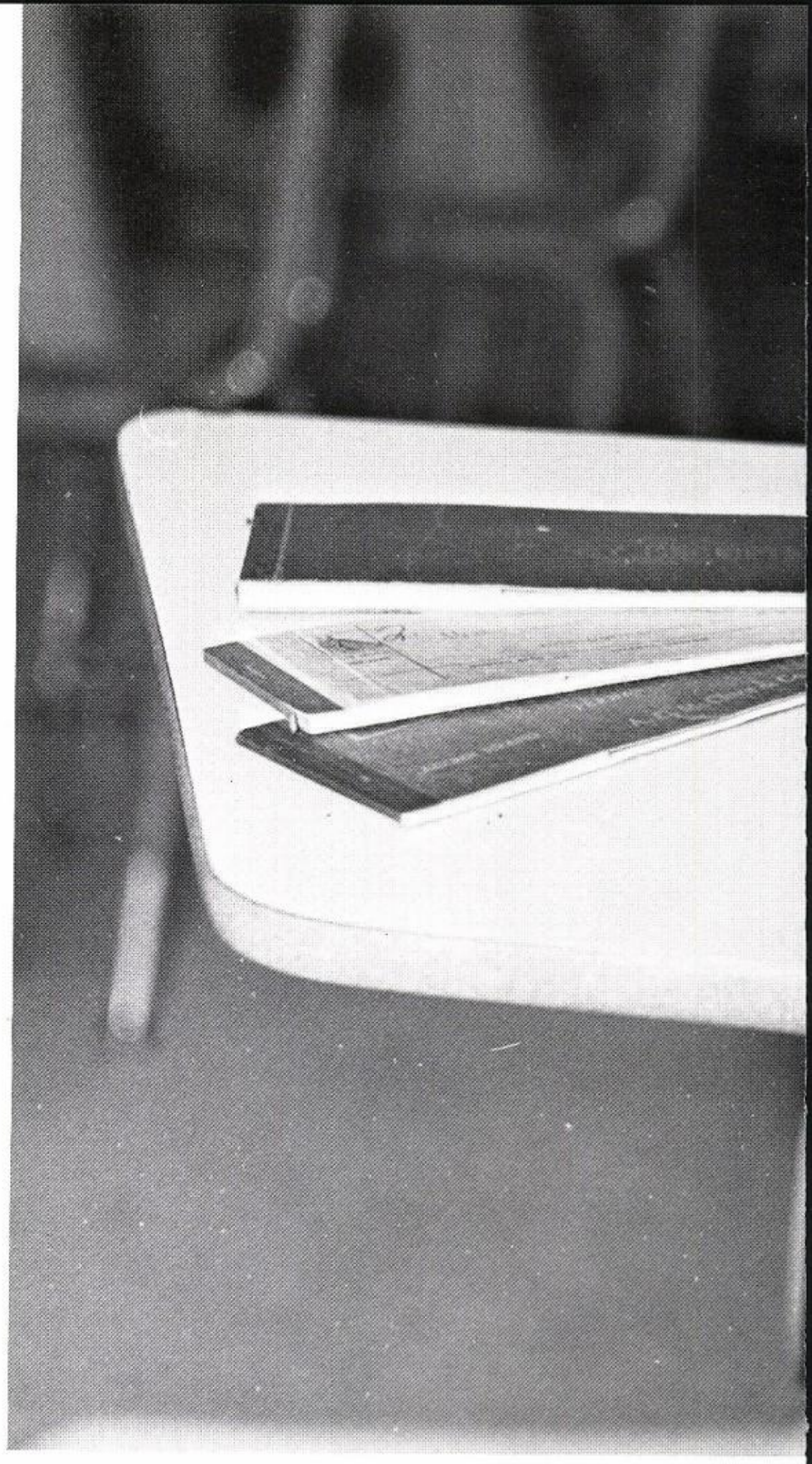


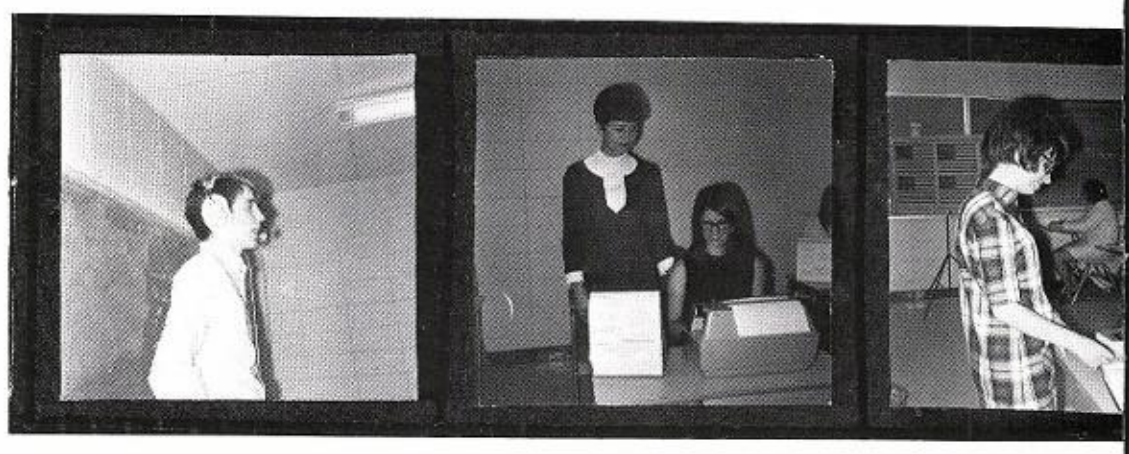
THE

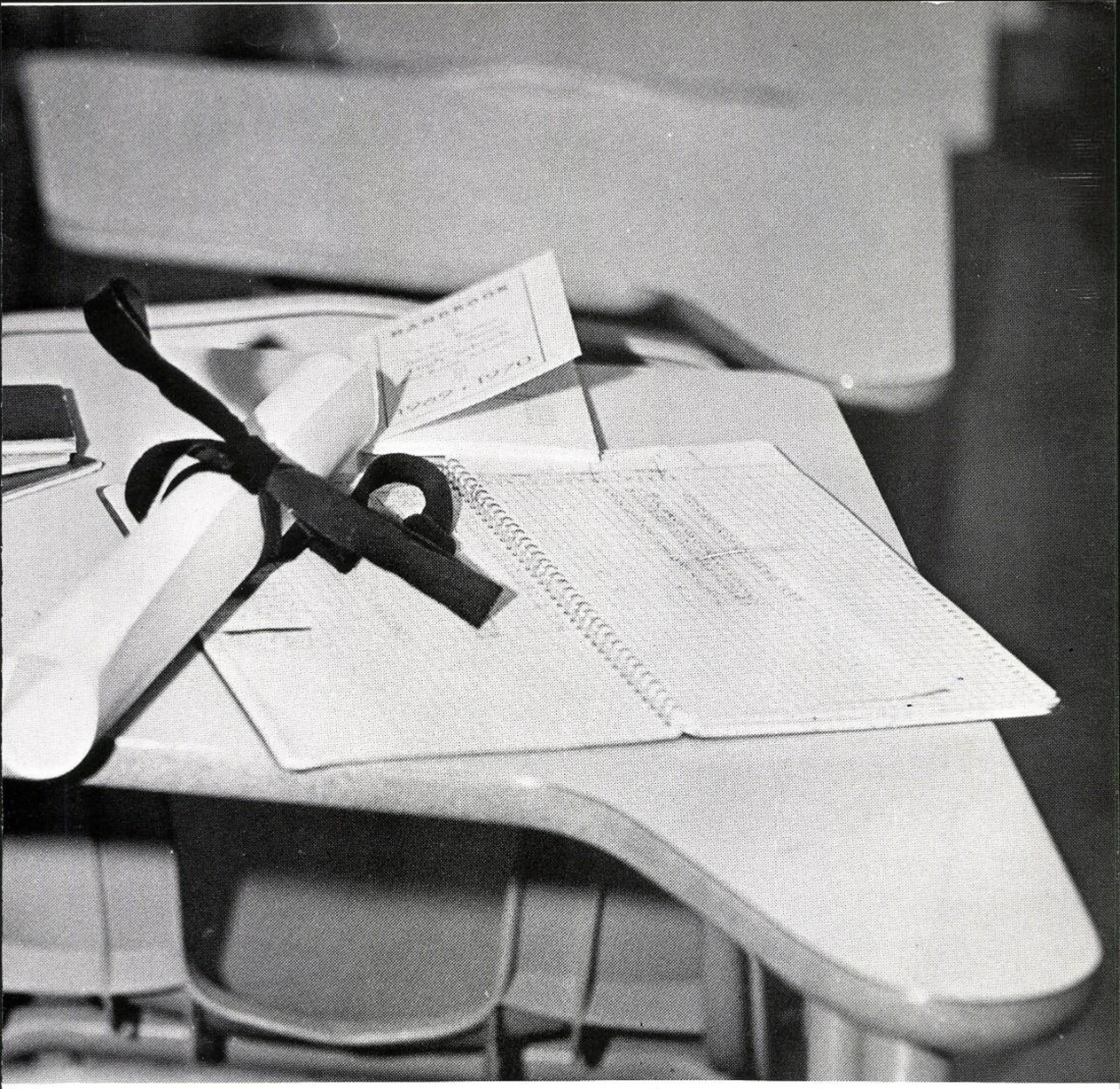
DIRECTORS

"We may try with our fences to cage the wind, to trap for ourselves a bit of the universe. But possession is not that simple."

That quote from an American short story refers to intangible as well as material objects. Knowledge is one of those things not easily possessed. . .the only way to obtain it is seek it out with determination, perseverance, and maybe even a little courage.







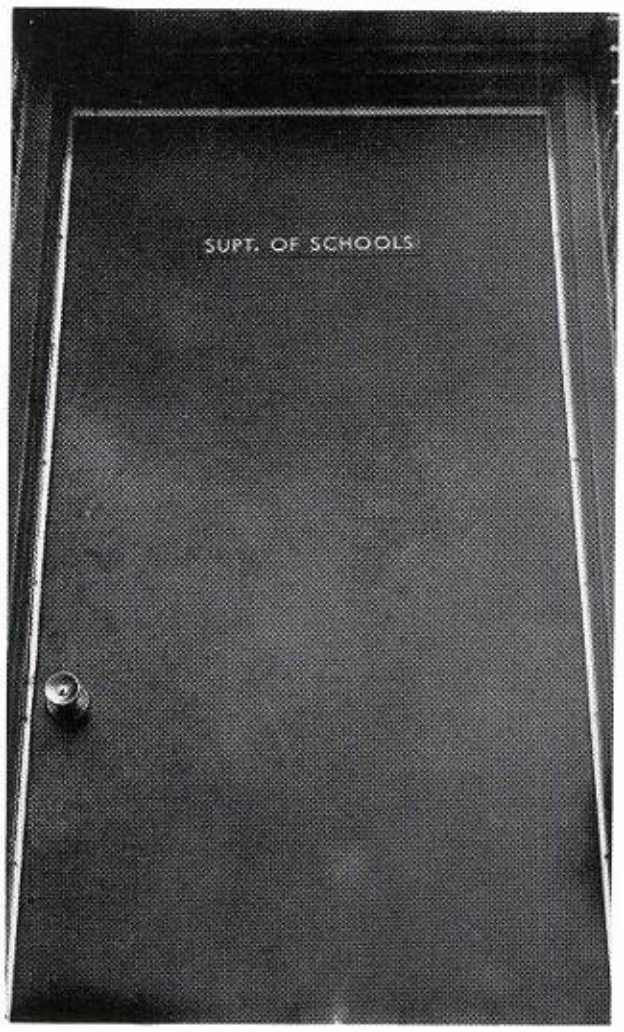
School Board, Mr. Tate Map Busy Year

SUPERINTENDENT TATE MUST look over the books containing school finance reports. He examines the books with his secretary, Mrs. Martha Howell.

Organization and future planning are the everyday tasks of Mr. James R. Tate, superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools. Mr. Tate is well experienced in the school system, having been associated with it for the last fifteen years. Though Mr. Tate has many duties, his major responsibility is seeing that all schools function properly.

Mr. Tate acts as executive officer of Van Buren School Board, which has jurisdiction over appropriations and all matters dealing with education in the Van Buren School System. The School Board officers include Dr. M. J. Graham, president; Mr. Louis Peer, vice president; and Mr. Ralph McClure, secretary.

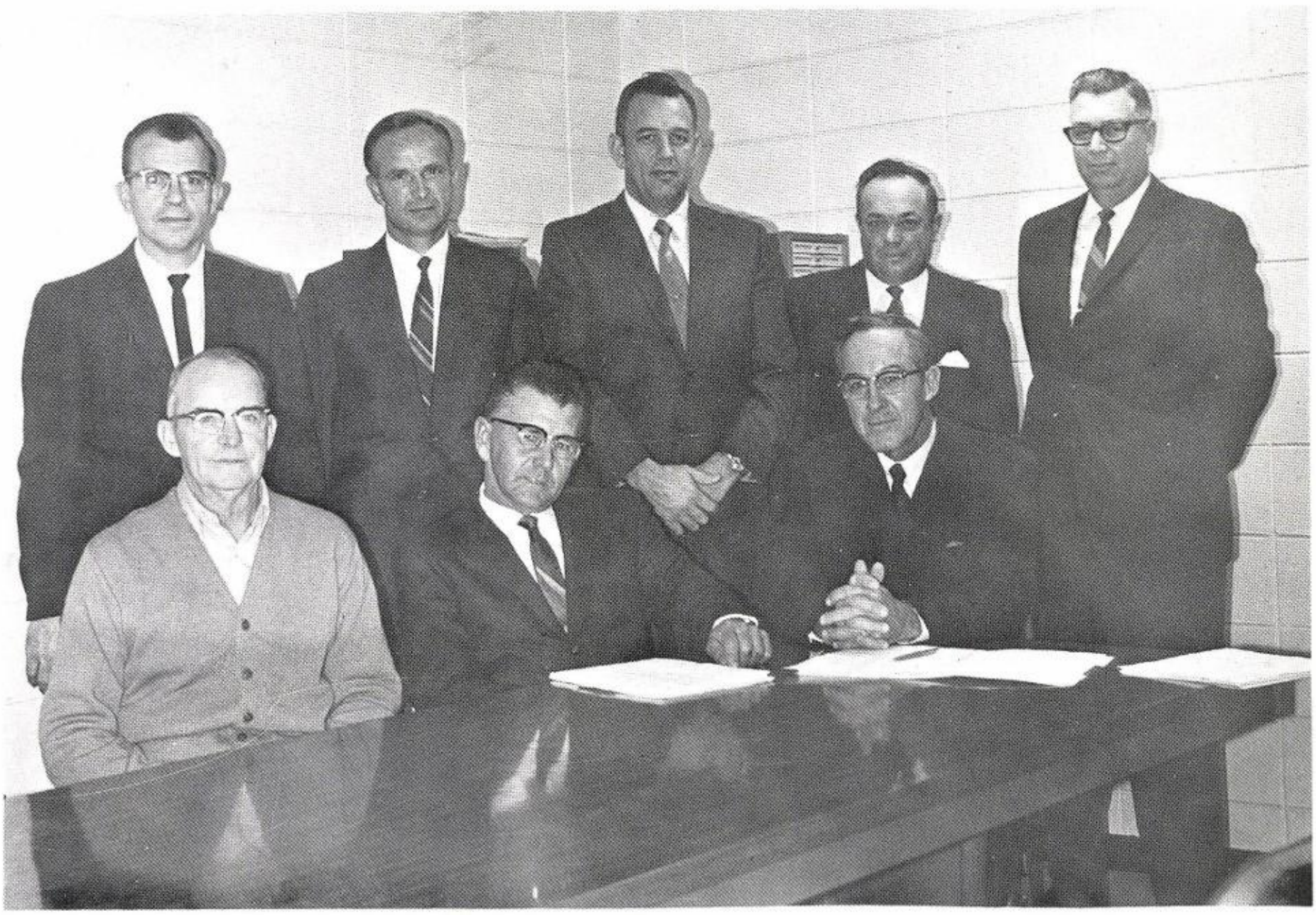
A friendly smile or a worried look may cross Mr. Tate's face as he begins the schedule ahead of him. Supervising the education of 3,133 students is a year around job. When classes end for students in May, Mr. Tate must begin planning the coming year.



THROUGH THIS DOOR is the office of the superintendent, Mr. James Tate, the coordinator of activities and curriculum for the Van Buren Public School System.

MR. TATE MUST meet intermittently with faculties of all Van Buren Schools. These meetings help keep teachers informed of the system's goals.

DR. M. J. GRAHAM, president of the school board, presides over all meetings of the panel.



DECIDING THE MANY issues that determine a successful year in the Van Buren school system is the School Board. Seated left to right are: Charles Pursell; Ralph McClure, secretary; Dr. M. J. Graham, president. Standing left to right: Robert Marion; Bob Vandergriff; Gene Bell; Leonard Kibler; and Dr. Louis Peer, vice president.

Officials Face Largest Student Body Ever

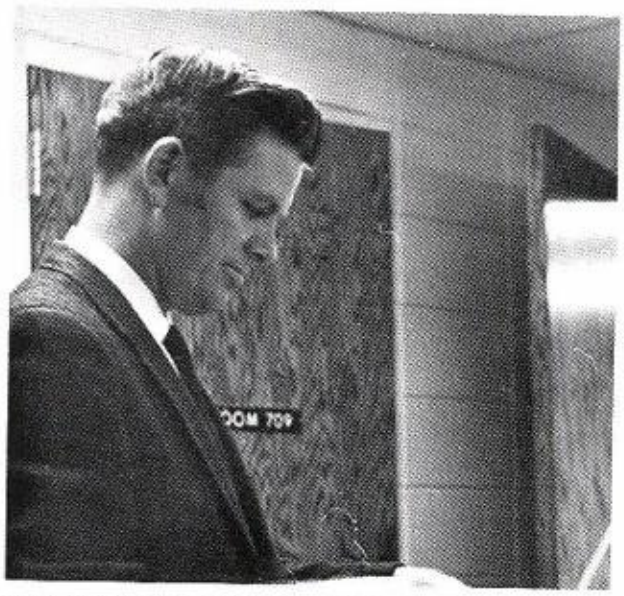
Mr. Bill Mitchell, principal, and Mr. Rex Yerby, assistant principal, found themselves faced this year with directing the largest student body in the history of Van Buren High School.

As principal, Mr. Mitchell finds a full schedule ahead of him of presiding at the faculty meetings and supervising the general instructional programs.

While Mr. Mitchell handles curriculum formulation and faculty relations, Mr. Yerby is dealing with discipline and related problems. Coach Yerby, former Van Buren athlete, was named to the post of head coach and assistant principal in the spring of 1969.

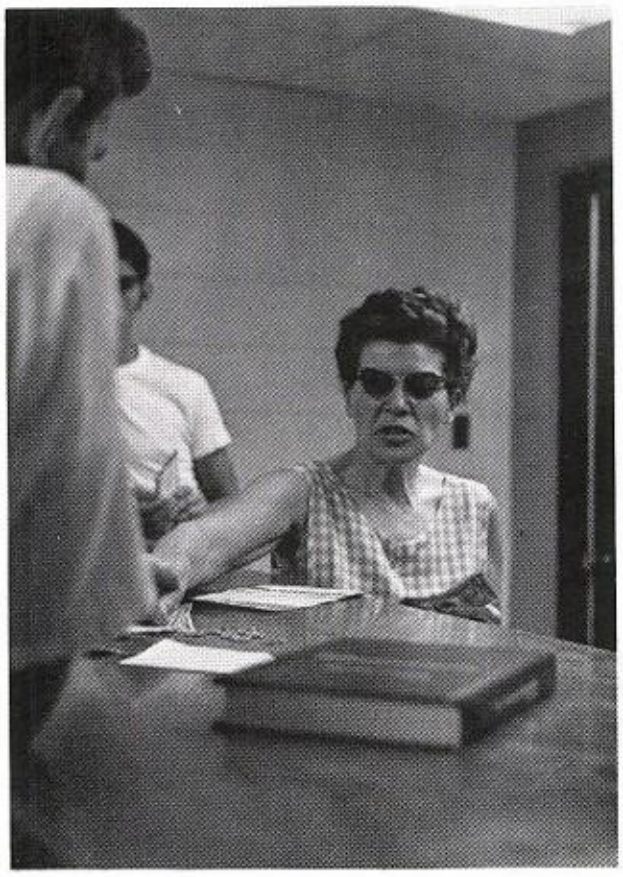
Besides time-consuming school functions, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Yerby attend seminars at the University of Arkansas and other large institutions to gain knowledge concerning the updating of high school teaching methods. Faculty members also found these beneficial.

MR. MITCHELL AND MR. TATE meet together in an unscheduled tour of the campus. Often such checks must be made on the spur of the moment, due to their busy schedules.

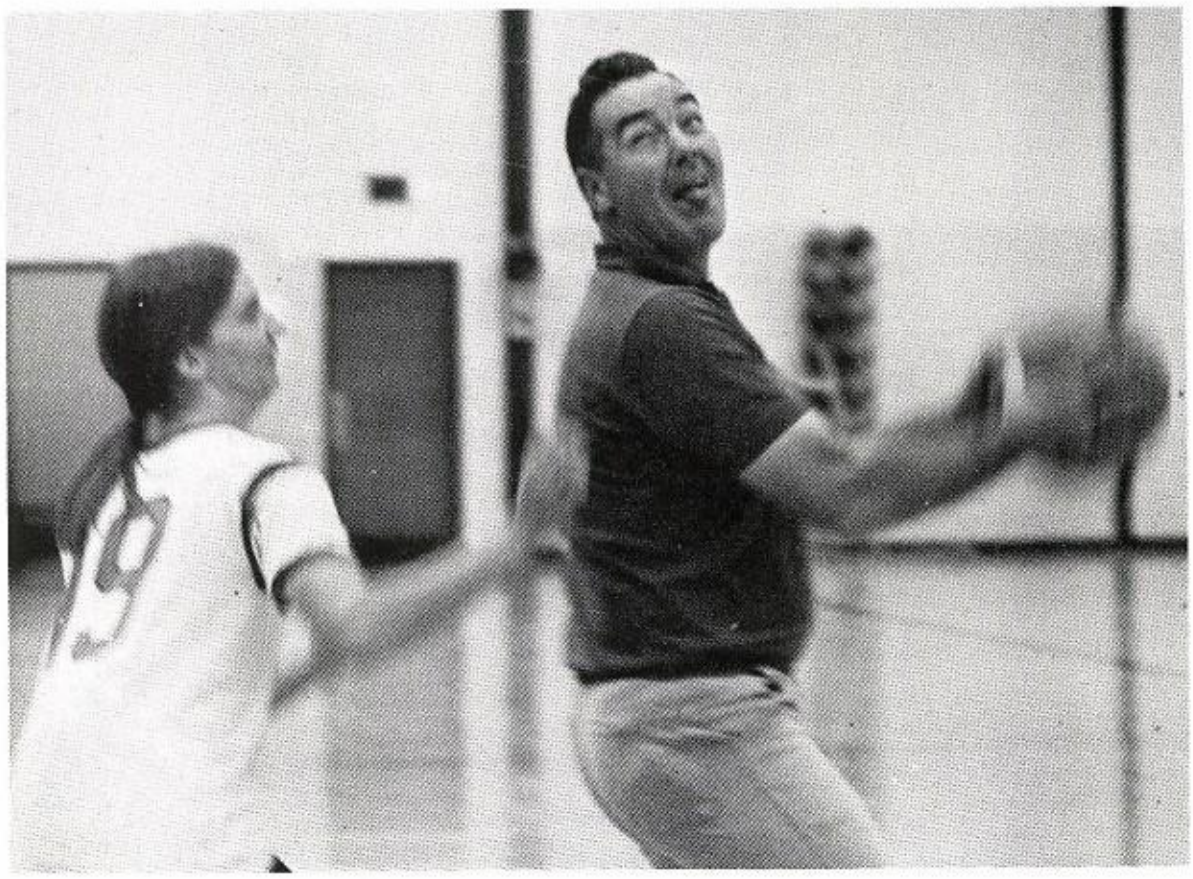


MAKING SURE THE bank books balance is an important item on the principal's busy agenda.

MANY MILES ARE covered each day by Mr. Rex Yerby as he assists Mr. Mitchell in keeping the various departments running smoothly.



MATRICULATION FEES, music fees, band fees, typing fees—the cost of education—is paid by one student's mother.



MR. REX YERBY runs up against some stiff competition from Marlene Pursell as he prepares for a jump shot. The assistant principal, who also serves as head football coach, believes in the benefits of athletic competition.

Mr. Mitchell works with class presidents in order to help coordinate student activities. They are left to right: Sandy Ragge, junior; Barbara Wilson, sophomore; Nelson Ballard, senior.

Rockwell Requests 'More Confidence'

"More confidence should be placed with counselors in solving personal, as well as academic problems," says Mr. Walter Rockwell, guidance counselor.

Future planning, selection of colleges, Merit Scholarship Tests, A.C.T. tests, SCAT tests, ability tests, and aptitude tests—all are a big part of Mr. Rockwell's job. Offering advice and assurance, Mr. Rockwell directs many students in problems concerning school plans and decisions about later life.

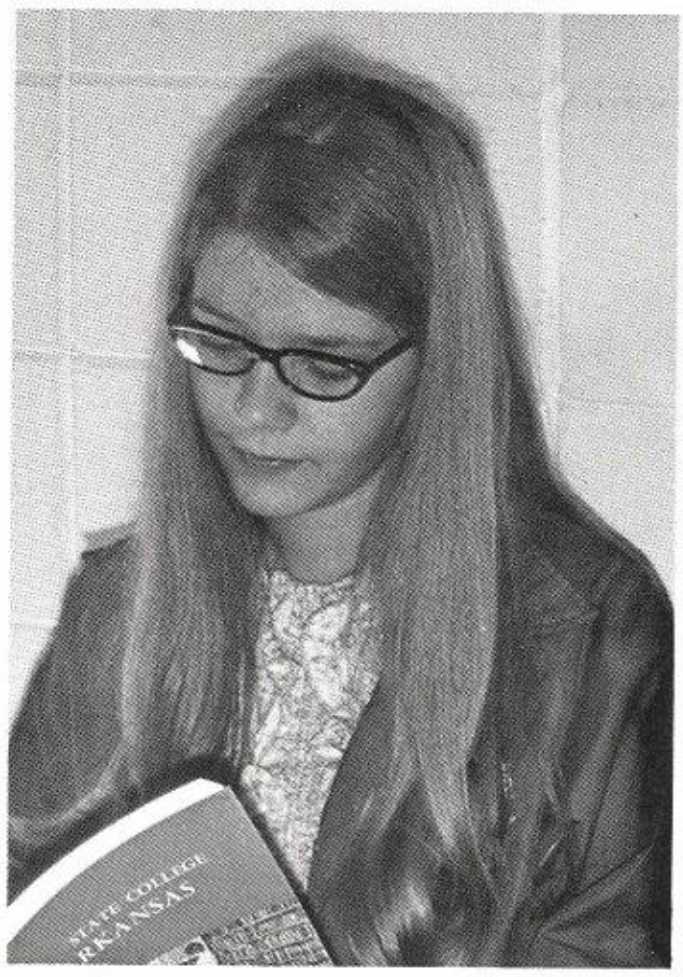
A Student Council sponsor for 1969-70, Mr. Rockwell is well informed on student government and its goals. Supervising the many fund-raising projects of Student Council, Mr. Rockwell finds himself working long hours.

This year's council plans to take a trip to Six Flags Over Texas at the close of school.

Mr. Rockwell spends long hours collecting material from colleges that will be helpful to students, in deciding what college they wish to attend.

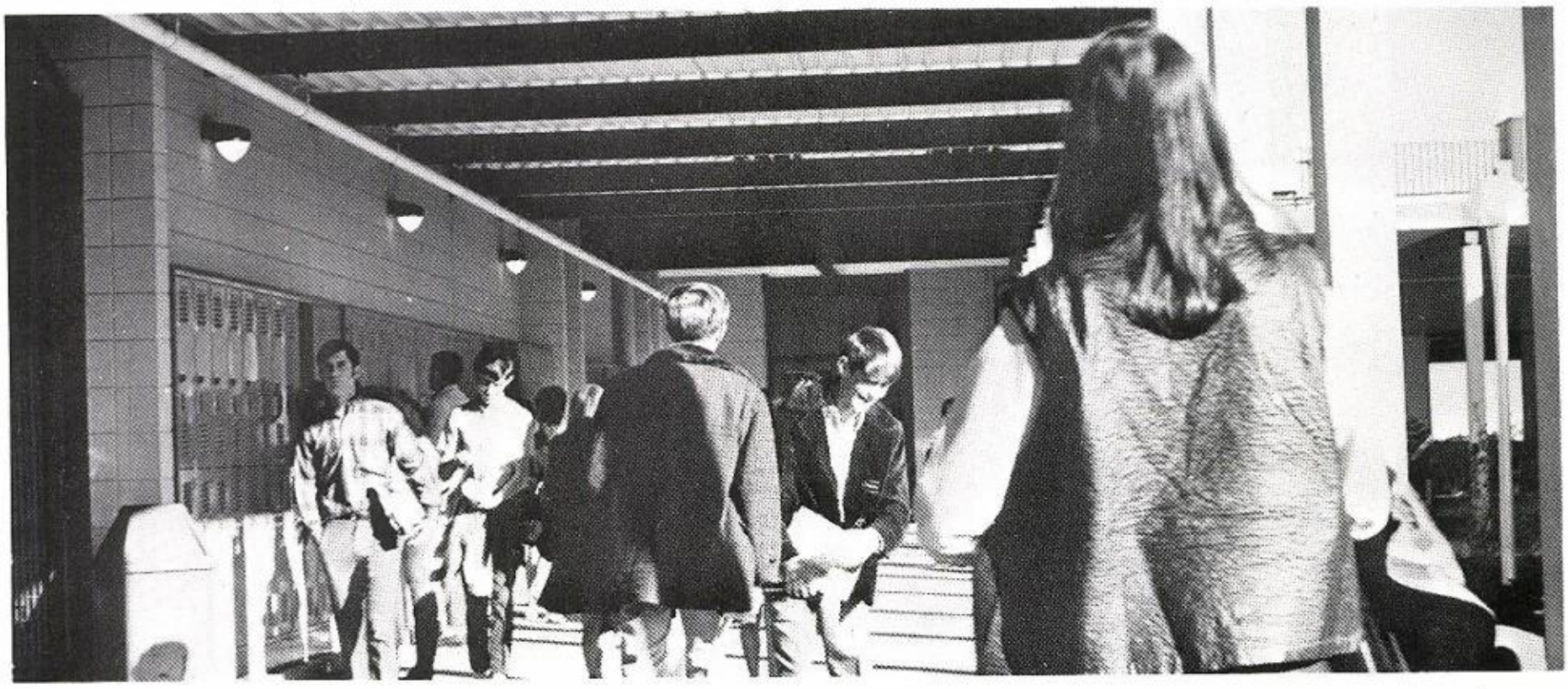
"We need to visit with as many students as possible to accomplish our purpose," he adds.

RICHARD THOMAS, SENIOR, receives help with his course of study from Guidance Counselor, Walter Rockwell.



THE GUIDANCE OFFICE provides students with necessary work materials and books. Lynn Preston, senior, studies a college catalogue.

WALTER ROCKWELL, glances over information to better acquaint himself with students' needs.



INTERMITTENT TRIPS TO the office are common for many students. Usually the visits involve the purchasing of supplies, or obtaining information. Sometimes, however, disciplinary action is involved.

MRS. RHEBA HENLEY, secretary to the principal, serves as receptionist, treasurer and office coordinator. Her jovial attitude also boosts morale of students and teachers alike.

Phone Calls, Jobs Face Office Staff

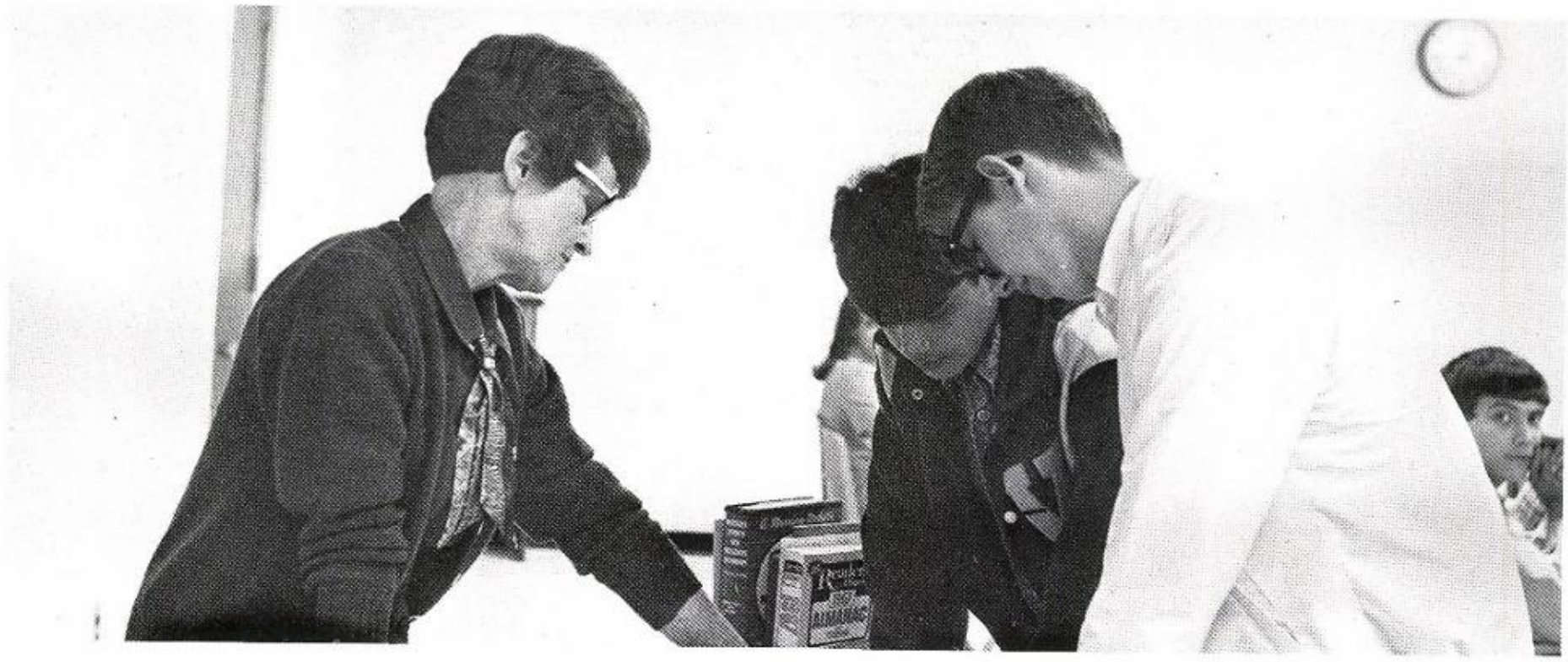
The ring of the phone, a student with a question, and principal, Mr. Mitchell, seeking a file—all happening spontaneously. This is an ordinary day for Mrs. Rheba Henley, secretary to the principal, and Mrs. Martha Howell, secretary to Mr. James R. Tate, superintendent.

Typing out tests, making out pay checks, preparing schedules, and helping with the preparation of the student directory are only a few of many tasks accomplished by these two secretaries.

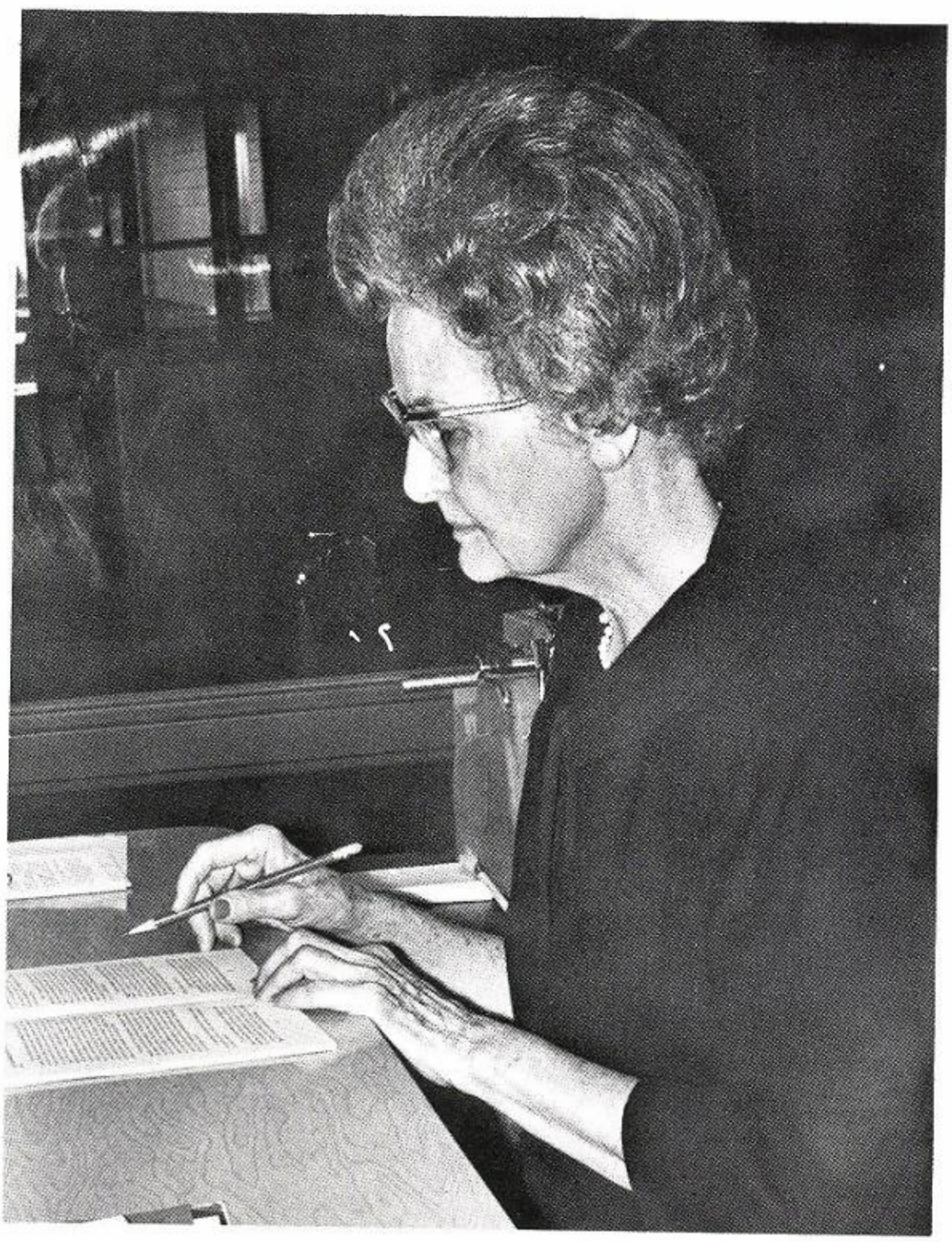
With the help of the office staff, the high school office is run more smoothly and accurately. The students have many duties, two of whom are picking up absentee slips and answering the phone.

Mrs. Henley

Mrs. Howell



MRS. POSEY S WORK consists of a variety of activities. Here, she instructs Dustin Nadeau and Randy Brooks concerning the use of the library.



THE WORK IN the library is complex but Mrs. Greig keeps abreast of new developments. She is assisted by library aides who work various periods of the day.

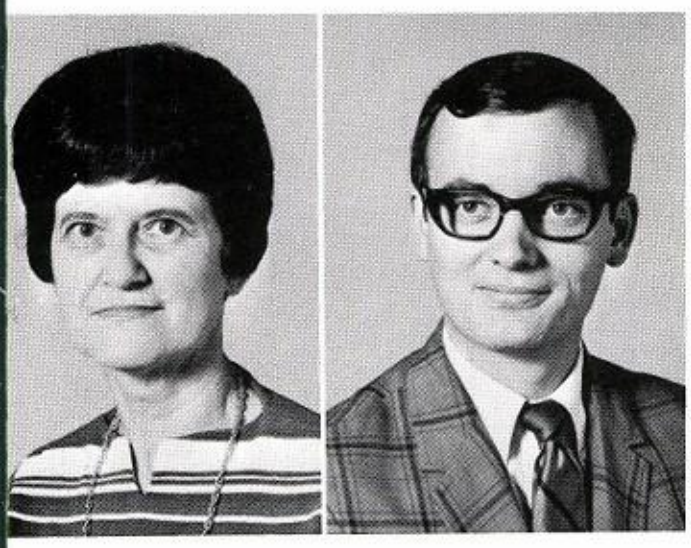
Library Facilities Promote Studies

The library, with a number of facilities, aids many students by offering a place in which to study, work on themes, and to obtain books, magazines, and newspapers. The 350 students in the study hall, which is under the supervision of Mrs. Emma Posey, find much of the same assistance.

Mrs. Elsie Greig, librarian for 15 years is well qualified for this position. Assisting Mrs. Greig are 17 student librarians who help in the everyday routine of overdue books, checking out of the 5,187 books, replacements of returned books, and keeping the card catalogue in order.

Both the library and study hall help promote in-depth examination and careful attention to school assignments.

STUDY HALL: Mrs. Emma Posey: LIBRARIAN: Mrs. Elsie Greig.



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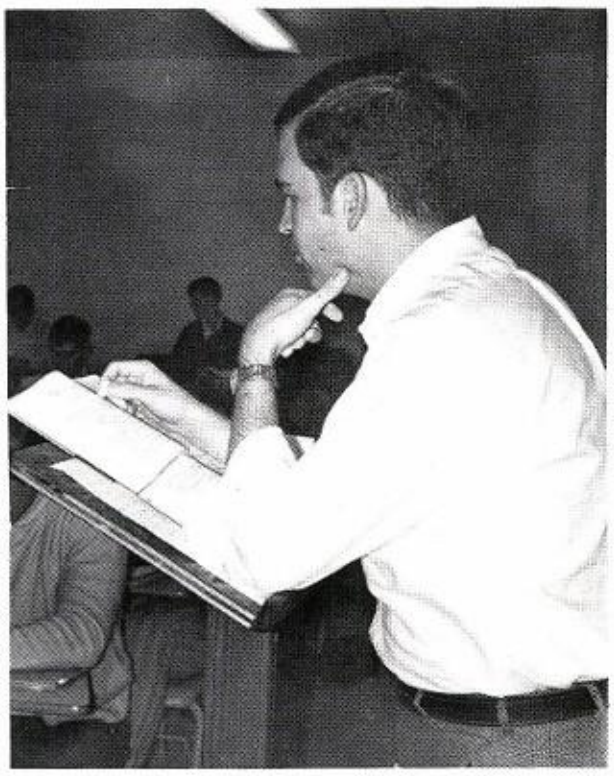
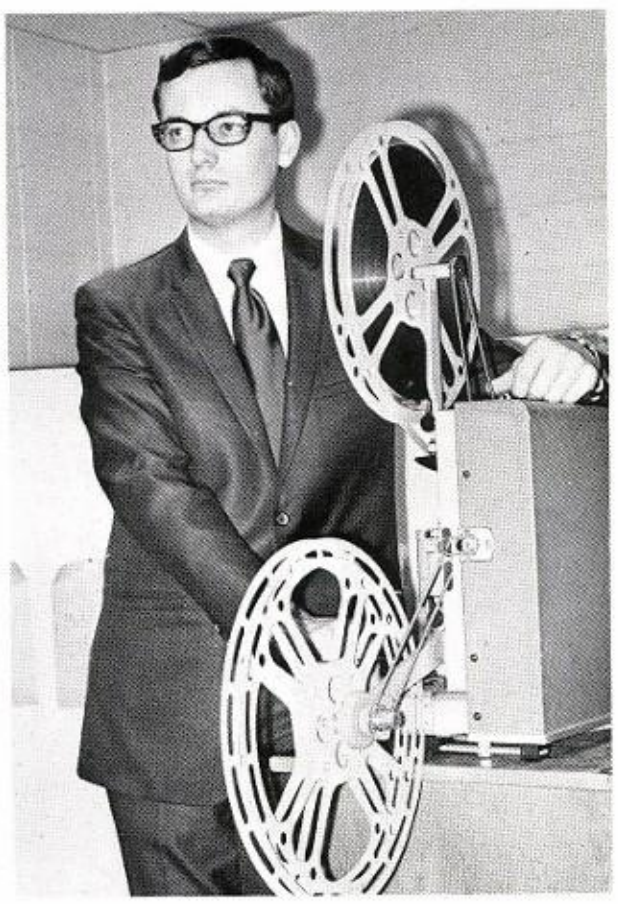


TWO BOOKS ARE better than one in the eyes of Mr. Rotert, but three would be a crowd on the small podium.



AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS assist Mr. Bill Pharis in his first-year journalism classes.

MRS. MAY GOES over a grammar assignment in an English class. The lesson includes verbals and verbal phrases.

Classes Discover 'Variety' Guides English Curriculum

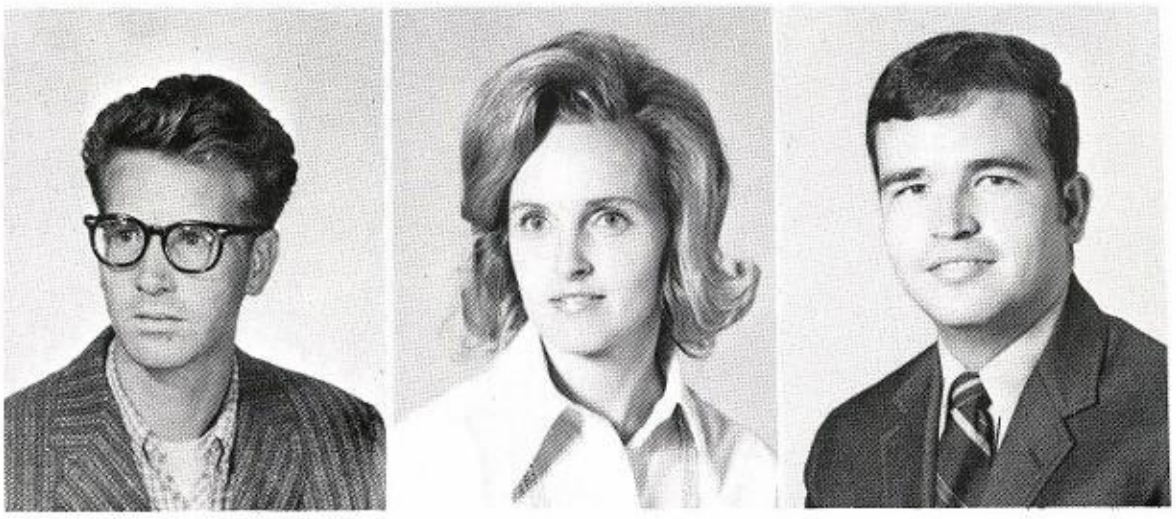
Sophomores, juniors, seniors alike struggled to overcome the perilous pitfalls of participles, gerunds, infinitives, retained objects, and all those other little goodies so widely acclaimed by English teachers in Van Buren.

As the year progressed, only Business English students escaped literature. While sophomores gained general knowledge, juniors studied American literature and seniors, English literature.

However, the merit of this escape has often been questioned because the time usually spent on literature is allotted to the in-depth study of grammar, making Business English a complex course.

Self confidence and assurance—two rewards gained through the speech course as students learn to overcome fears.

Grammar is put to practical use in the journalism classes as the publications staff reports and records school news.



ENG.: Mr. James Faught. ENG., SPEECH: Mrs. Linda May. BUSINESS ENG.: Mr. John Rotert.

French, Girls' P.E. Round Personalities

MISS BOTTOMS OFFERS a hearty pep talk during a lengthy session of push-ups.

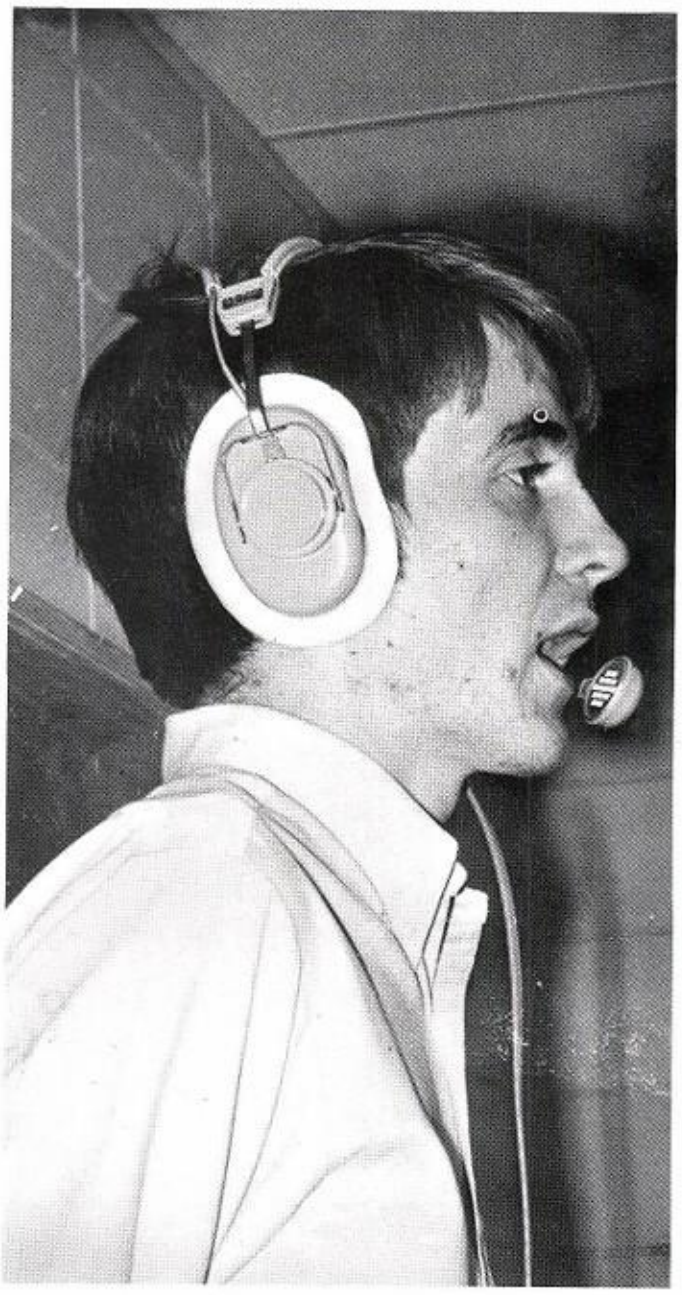
"Position, ready, exercise," Miss Laquetta Jo Bottoms' voice echoes through the gym as she shouts the familiar commands to girls taking physical education this year.

Basketball, volleyball, baseball—one of these is bound to be a part of the routine each day for Coach Bottoms' classes. The fitness program includes all types of exercise, plus tips on diet and good grooming.

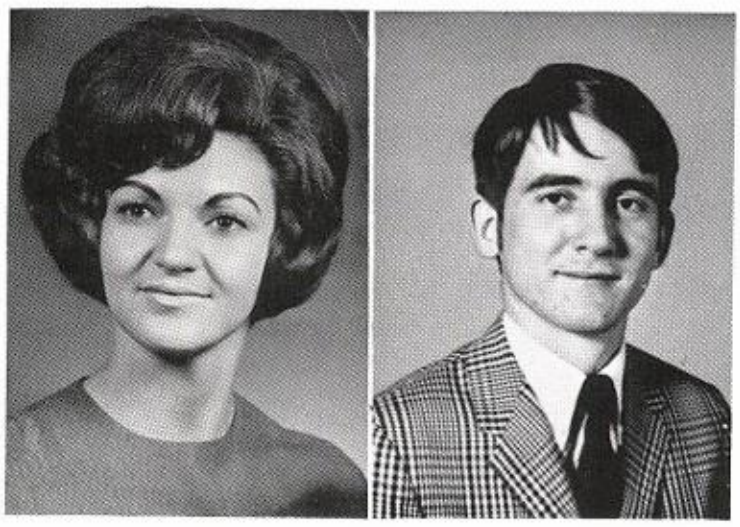
Meanwhile, Mr. Henry Chotard, French instructor, aids students in getting to know the people of other nations through their language. Sponsoring the French Club, Mr. Chotard offers extracurricular opportunities for students interested in foreign languages.

The language department has the latest audio equipment, such as records, head sets, many magazines, and books. The headsets provide a master control for the instructor as a means of helping students speak more effective French.

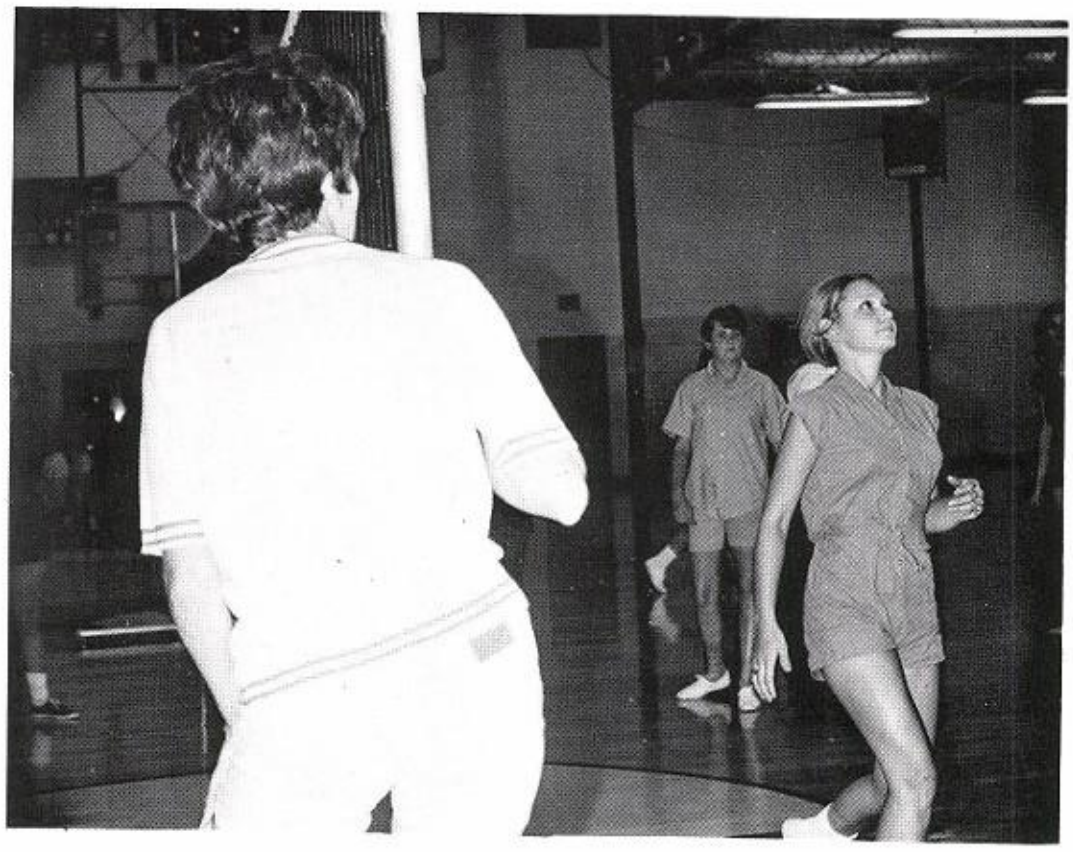
Thus, both departments utilize the latest educational facilities, while putting stress on the individual student.



NO, HE'S NOT the voice of "mission control." Yet, that is the first impression of Mr. Henry Chotard as he teaches French.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Miss LaQueta Jo Bottoms.
FRENCH: Mr. Henry Chotard.



COACH BOTTOMS GIVES tips on better volleyball during a fast-paced game.

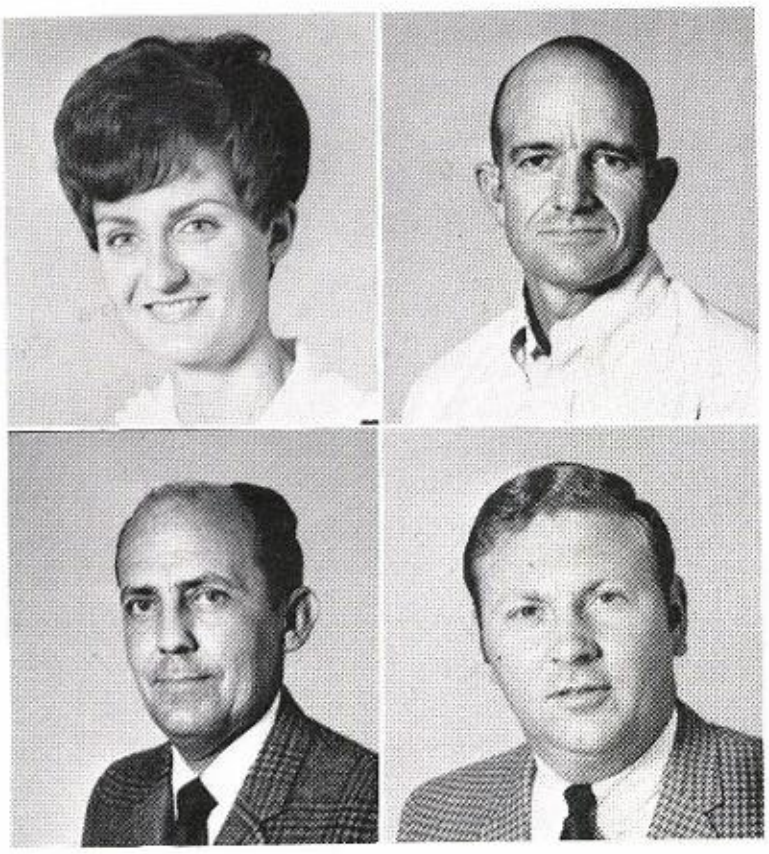
Technology Expands Need For Scientific Knowledge

Dissecting frogs and worms, studying different diseases, mixing chemicals and looking at germs through a microscope.

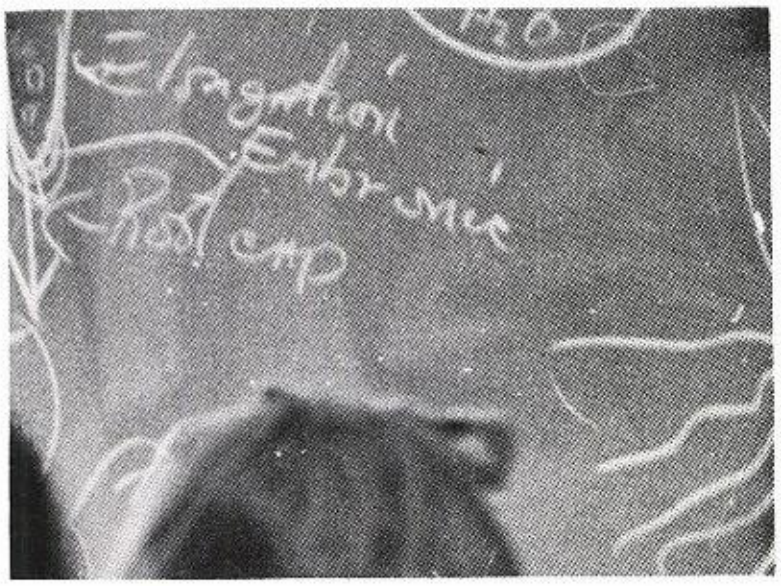
All of these play an important role in general science, biology, and chemistry. With biology being a required subject for the first time this year, all students will find an interesting field in which to study.

Losing your slide rule, dropping your compass, and not having an eraser are only a few of the many headaches of business math, general math, geometry, algebra II, and advanced senior math. These math courses provide students with basic fundamentals, and supply courses needed by college-minded students.

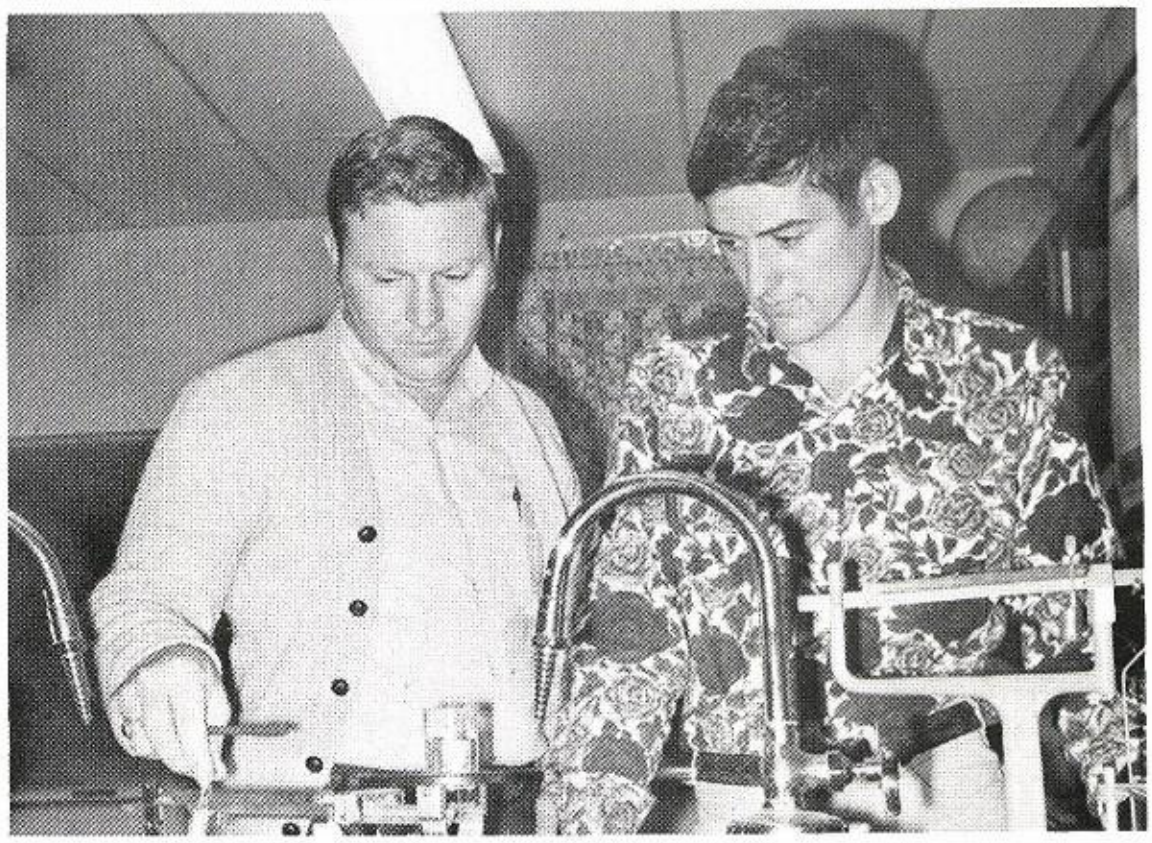
As technological advancements grow, more knowledge in fields of science and math is required of Americans.



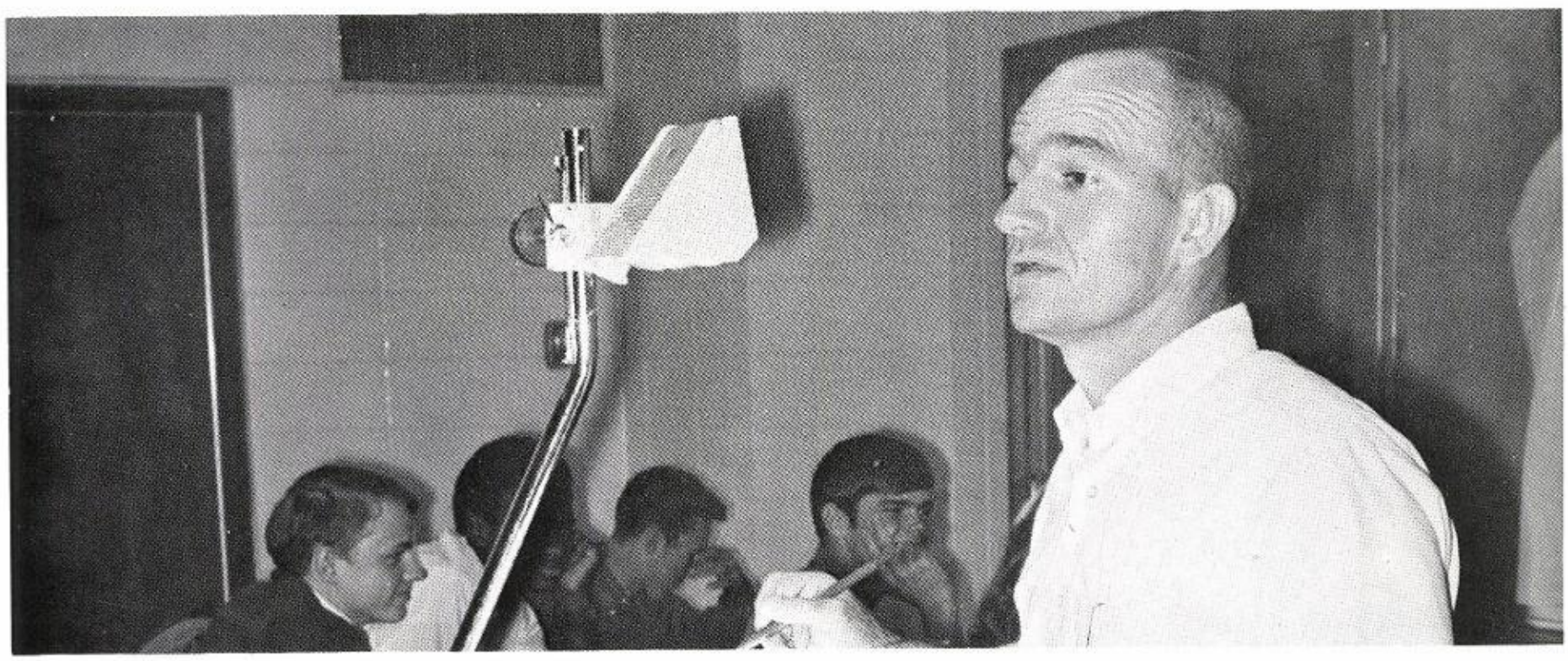
MATH: Miss Linda Russell. SCIENCE: Mr. Jerry Duncan. MATH, PHYSICS: Mr. Ralph Hughes. SCIENCE: Mr. Bill Venable.



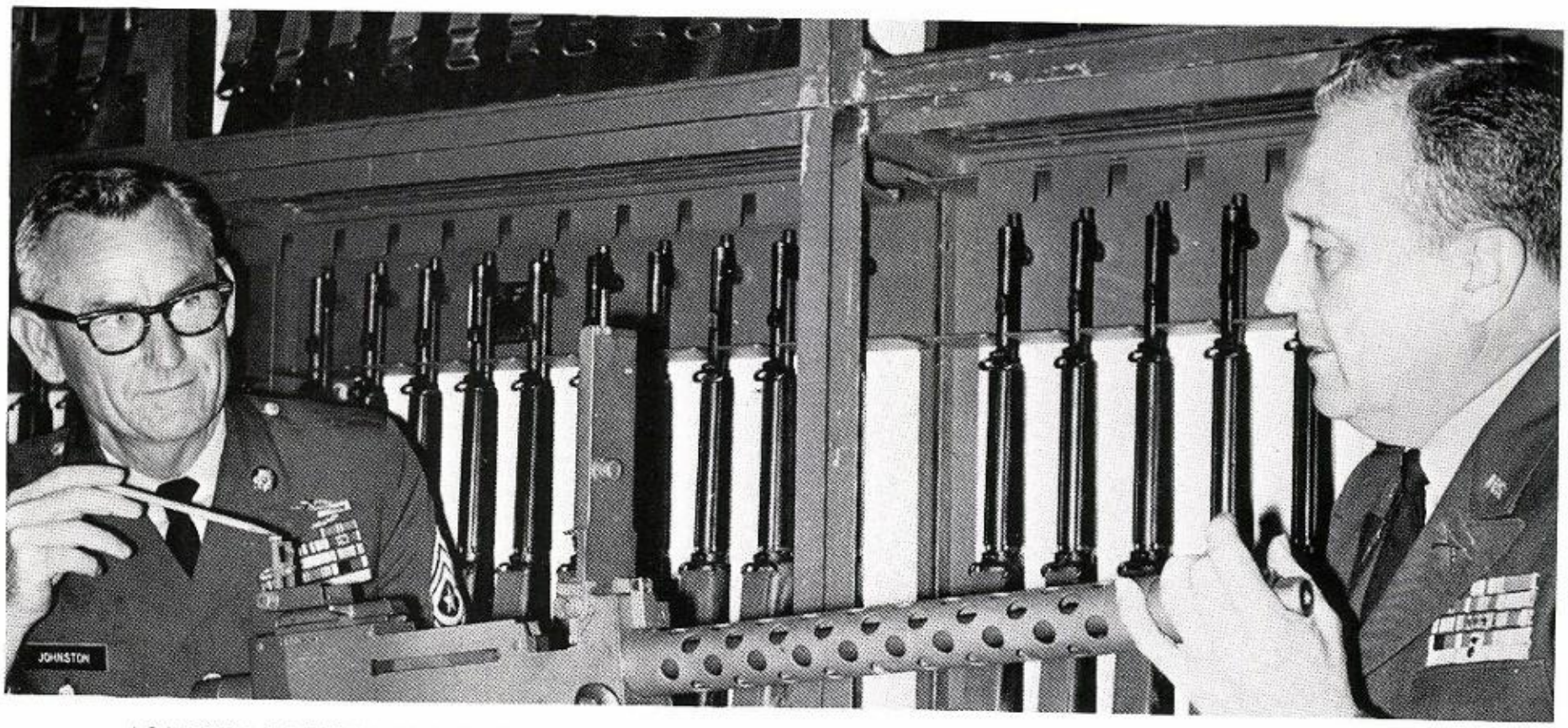
KEEPING EYES OPEN is a must in science and math classes. The blackboard is a useful teaching tool.



DETERMINING WEIGHT IS a key phase of Mr. Bill Venable's science classes. He shows Bobby Corbell how to measure the weight of water.



USE OF THE OVERHEAD projector offers Mr. Duncan the opportunity to visually express scientific terms and equations, but questions often interrupt the lecture.



AGAINST A BACKGROUND of rifles, Sergeant Major Johnston and Colonel Burke discuss the main parts of a machine gun.

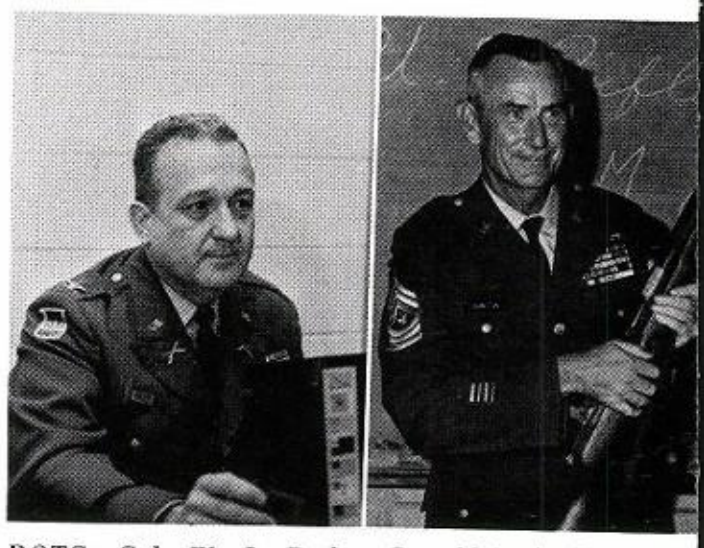
TERRY IVY (left) and Carl Jacobs (right) proudly present the colors as part of the ROTC's daily duty of raising the flag.

ROTC Program Offers Rewards

The main objective of Junior ROTC is to develop in each participant certain qualities of leadership, patriotism, respect for authority, discipline and basic military skills.

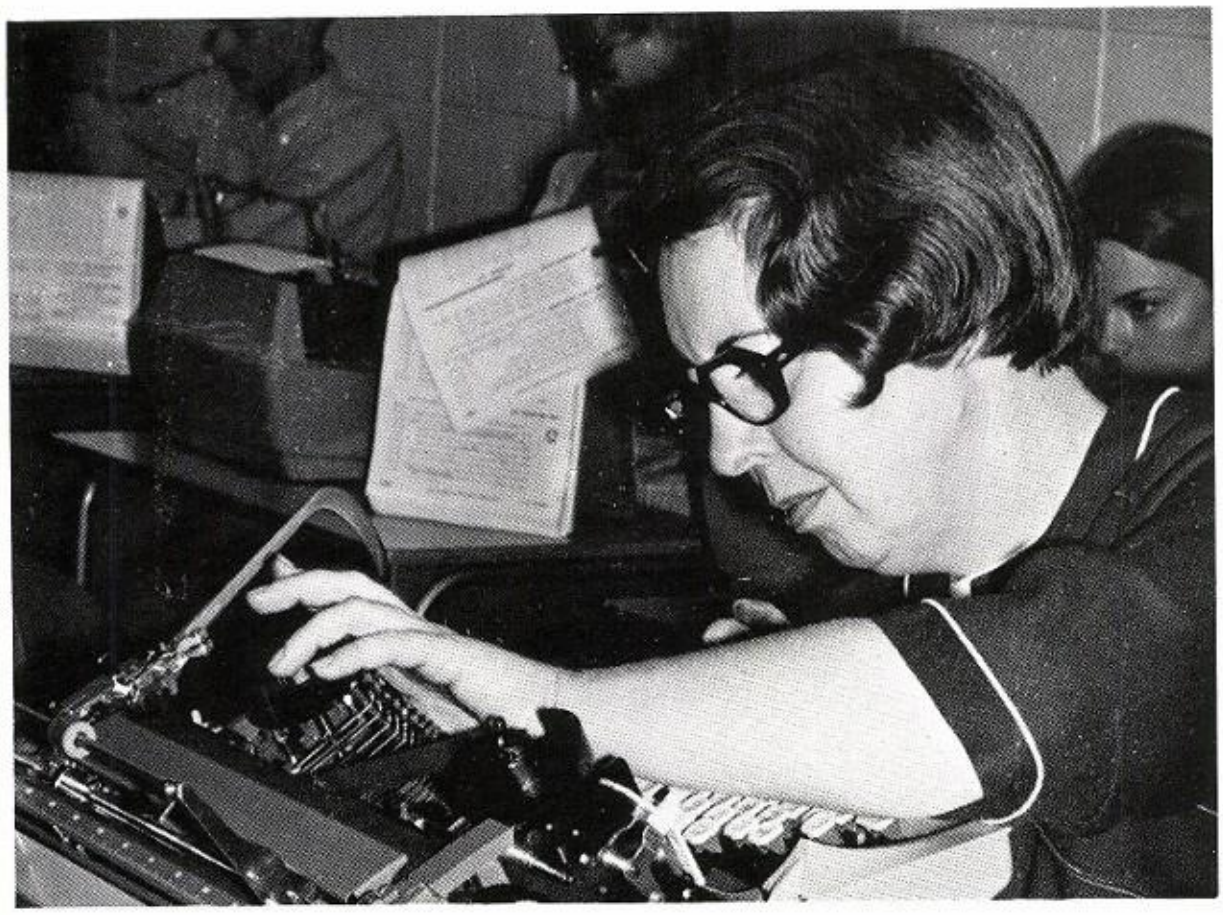
ROTC prepares those college-bound students for the senior program, and students who do not plan to go to college get a grounding in Army life. What's more, those who wish to continue and serve their military obligation may gain fast promotion.

The first year program teaches first aid, Army history, customs and courtesies of the service, and technical studies of weapons. Second year teaches psychology of leadership and small unit tactics.



ROTC: Col. W. J. Burke, Sgt. Maj. A. L. Johnston.

Business Skills Prove Helpful To Many Students



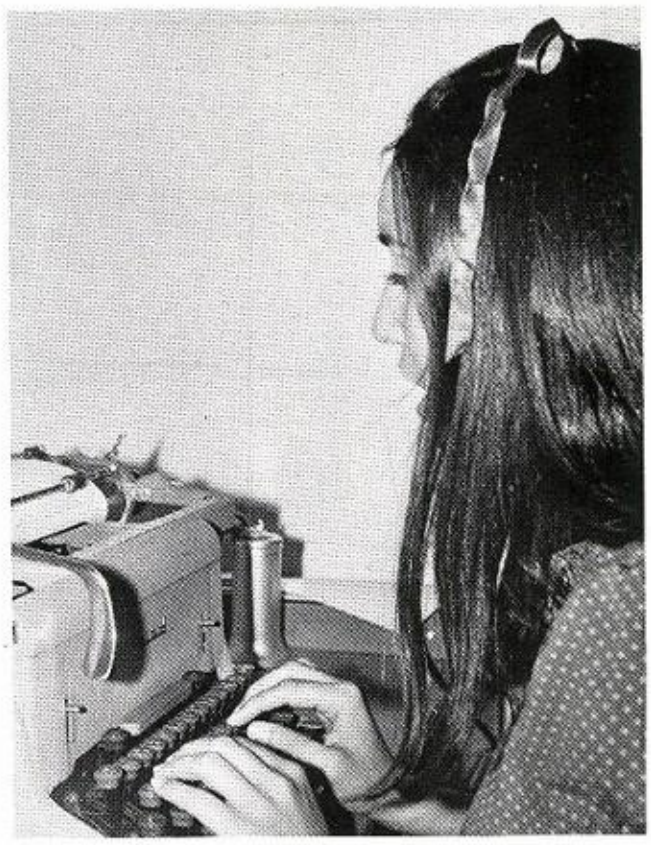
REPAIRING TYPEWRITER RIBBONS and other minor parts of the typewriter is just one job of Miss Donna Smith, bookkeeping and typing teacher.

Having frequently been proven outstanding in its field, the commercial department offers the two years of typing, two years of shorthand, and year of bookkeeping so vital to those seeking employment in the business field, especially secretarial.

Too often these courses are thought to be only for girls planning secretarial careers.

However, typing is a "must" for those college-bound students who have years of research papers ahead of them, and shorthand could prove exceptionally valuable during lectures.

Bookkeeping proves essential for recordcording the accounts or transactions of a business.



NORMA TRENTHAM, SENIOR, puts her typing experience to good use as a member of the journalism staff.

MRS. JOAN HARPER beams a look of approval as she glances over Nancy Rankin's shoulder. Mrs. Harper extends individual help along with entire classroom instruction.

BOOKKEEPING, TYPING: Miss Donna Smith.
SHORTHAND, TYPING: Mrs. Joan Harper.

Art, Music Classes Seek, Mold Talent

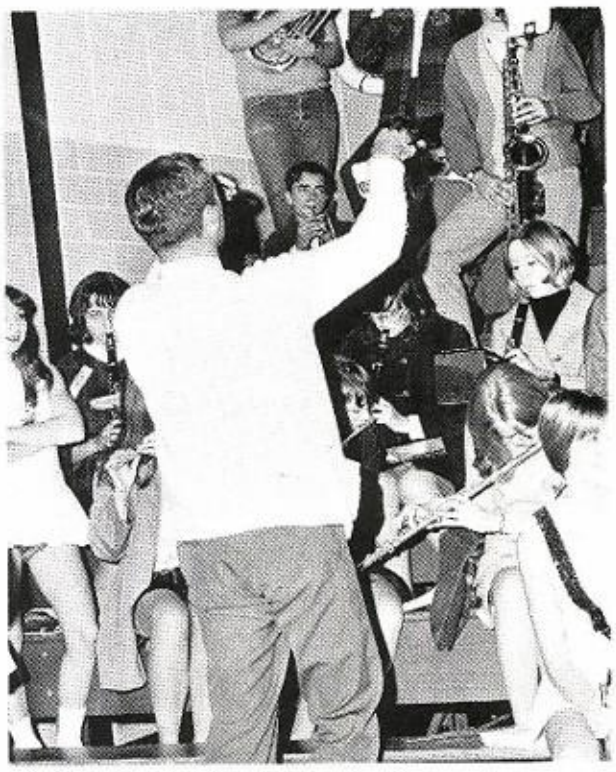
THE CARTON MOVIE, "Pied Piper of Hamlin," became a major project in Mr. Greer's classes. Here students prepare to dub their voices onto the soundtrack of the full-color motion picture they created.

A colorful painting, flute solo, chorus of Hallelujahs, all are symbols of Van Buren's Fine Arts Departments.

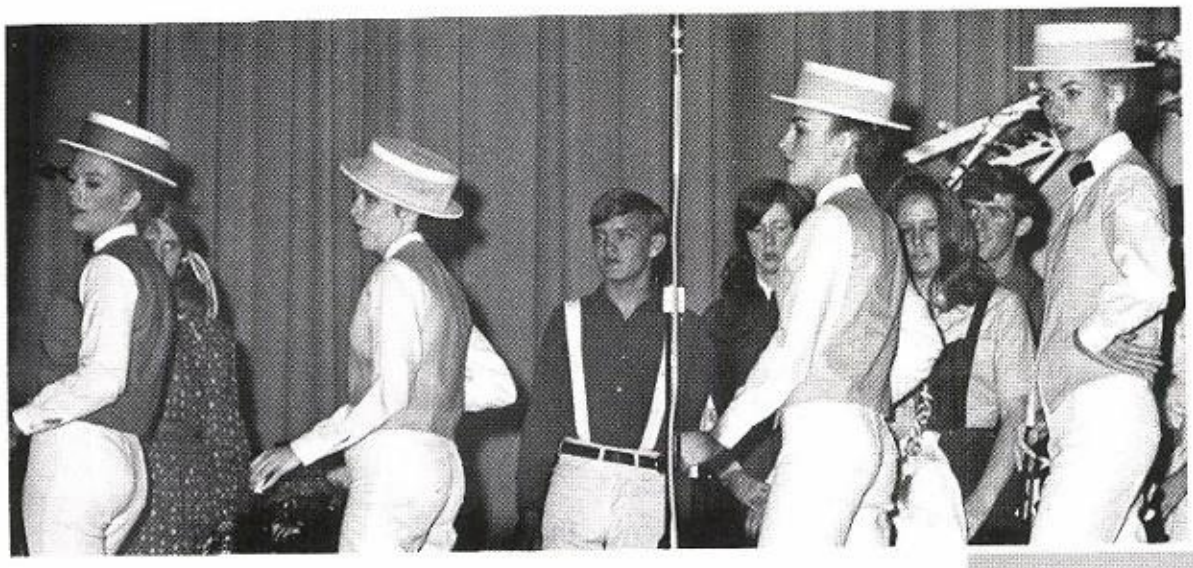
Composing and revising a musical arrangement for Van Buren's Alma Mater, Mr. John Winkleman, band director, finds his time scarce.

Armed with his famed pistol Mr. Dale Kesner, choral director, shoots down sour notes. A director of "Babes in Toyland", he found himself quite involved in practice.

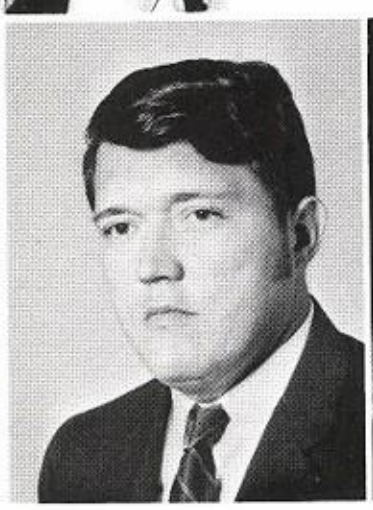
Pottery making, puppet shows, poster printing, and cartoons are demonstrated in art by Mr. Martin Greer, instructor. Next year there will be a new course added for students interested in commercial art.

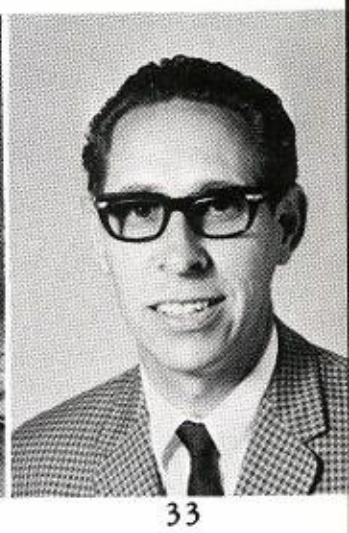


MR. JOHN WINKELMANN DIRECTS a modified version of the Pointer band during a pep assembly.



THE MAJOR PRODUCTION of the Music Department's year has been presentation of "Babes in Toyland," in cooperation with the Junior Class. Featured in the show was a cast of 50, which included these "Dandies."





ART: Mr. Martin Greer; BAND: Mr. John Winkelmann; MUSIC, MUSIC THEORY: Mr. Dale Kesner.

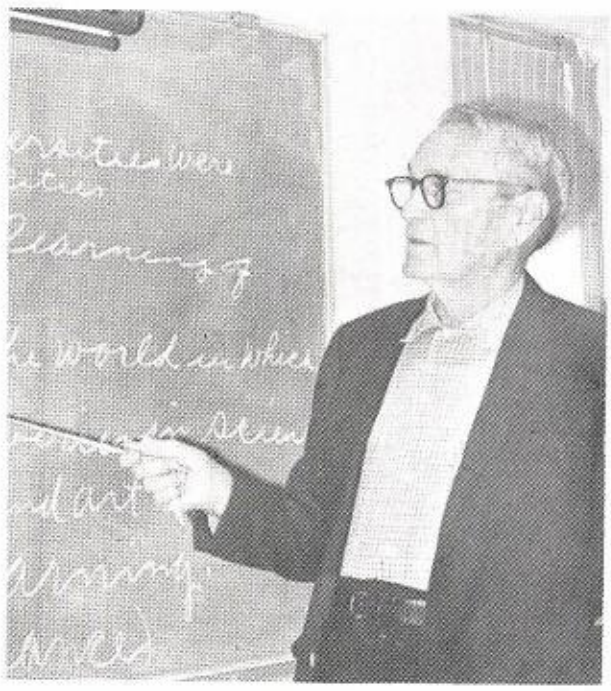
Tomorrow's Citizens Realize Advantages of Understanding

Fulfilling graduation prerequisites, sophomores struggle through world history while juniors learn of their heritage through American history. Seniors complete graduation requirements through either world affairs, American government, or economics.

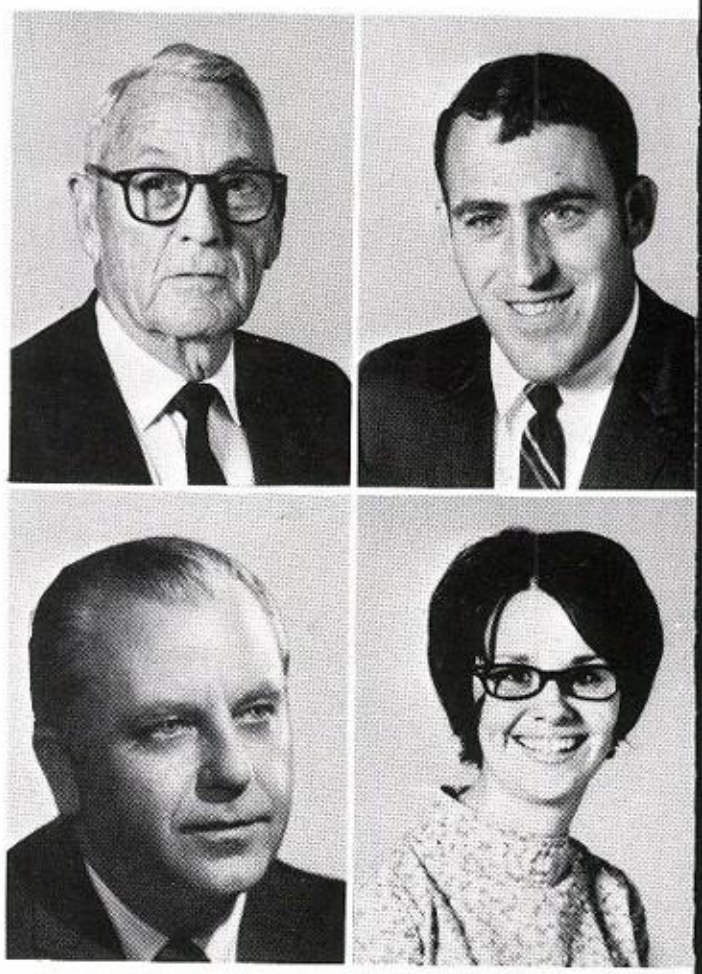
Preparing students for adulthood—with its many responsibilities—the senior courses acquaint students with existing, immediate world problems which they will face in a few, short years.

Through world history and American history, underclassmen discover how similar problems were solved before, thus, giving a clue to their solution.

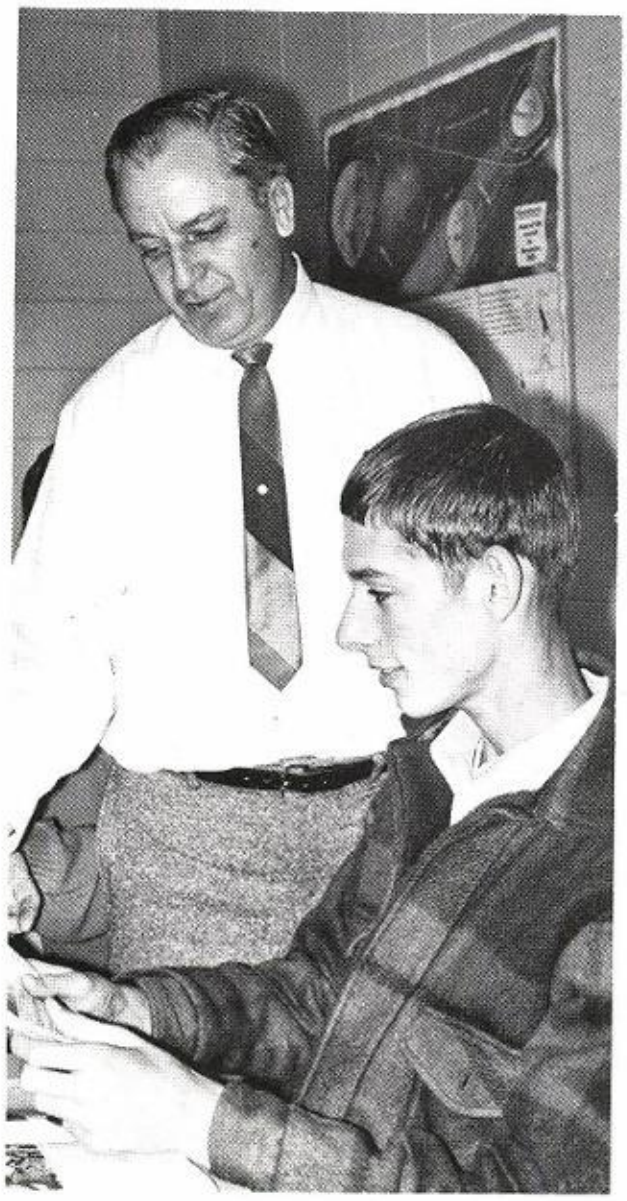
Civic duties are impressed upon students as well as the importance of our inalienable rights and our freedom of speech, press, assembly, and petition. Mr. Don Martin, world history and American government instructor, said, "The reason for teaching these courses is to ready today's teens to become tomorrow's leaders."



MR. HOMER COWART, discusses the Renaissance in science, literature and art during one of his world history classes.

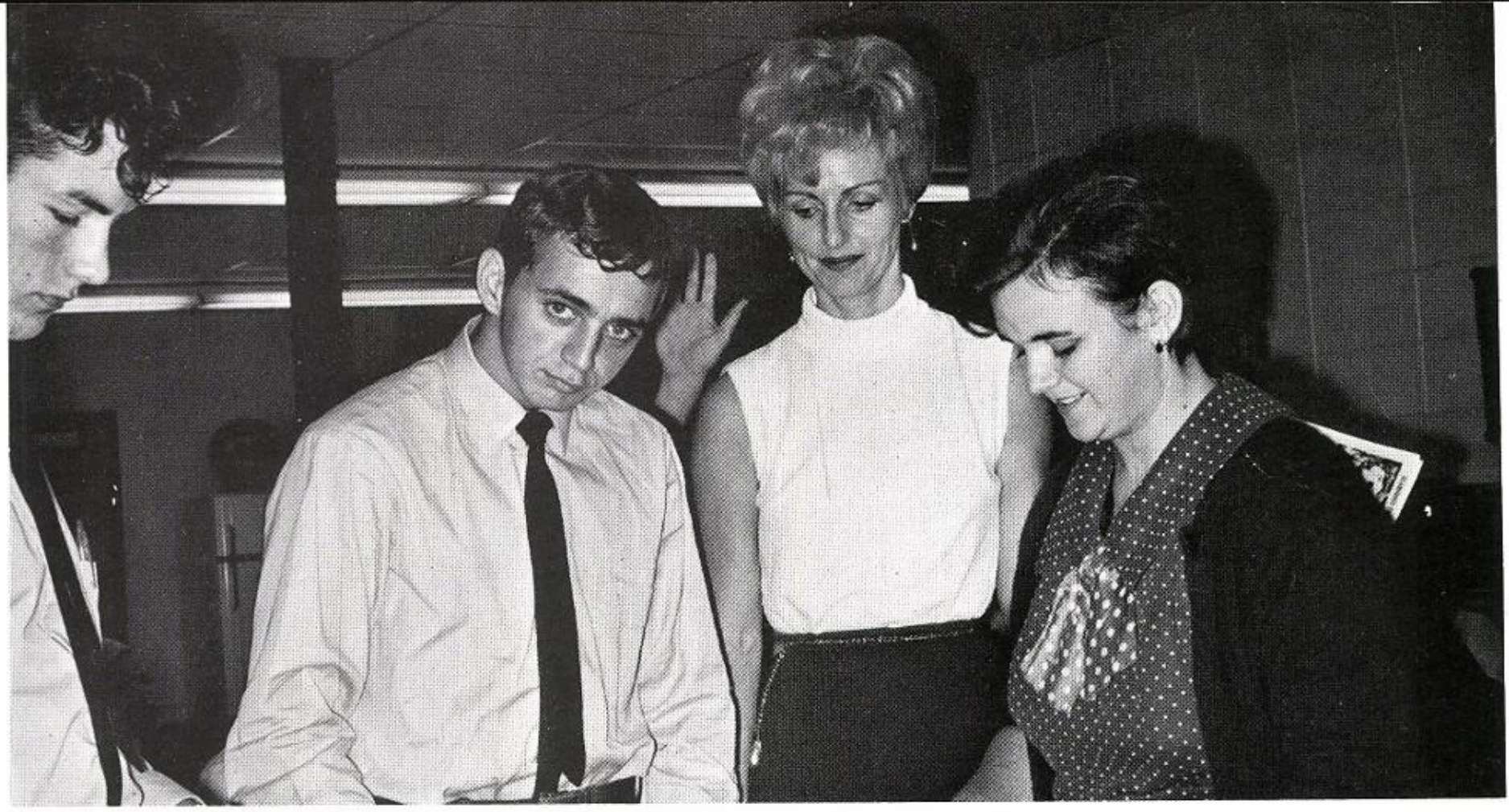


W. HIST., ECONOMICS: Mr. Homer Cowart. HIST GOV'T: M- Don Martin. WORLD AFF., U.S. HIST Mr. Gordor Yearty. U.S. HIST.; ENG.; Miss Wild Reeves.



DENNIE DILLARD GETS FIRST-hand reports of the world through a daily newspaper as Mr. Yearty assists.

"DON'T LEAN BACK in that chair," Miss Reeves, history teacher, orders. She sometimes has to explain the damaging effects of tilting desks.



MRS. CAROLYN JOHNSON finds that supervising cooking lessons can be either enjoyable—or somewhat less than enjoyable. It all depends on who does the cooking, according to (left to right) Lonnie Richeson, Johnny Moore, and Phyllis Jetton.

Interest Grows in Homemaking, De-Do

WITH ADVANCE AND on-the-job training the goal, Mr. Paul Duvall explains techniques in providing an employer with his money's worth, and in obtaining the best personal results from a given occupation.

The concept of preparation for later life is the aim of all programs at Van Buren High, but in certain classes this goal is more evident because of their very involvement with life-related activities.

Home economics and Family Living courses, along with Distributive Education and Diversified Occupations, give students preliminary training.

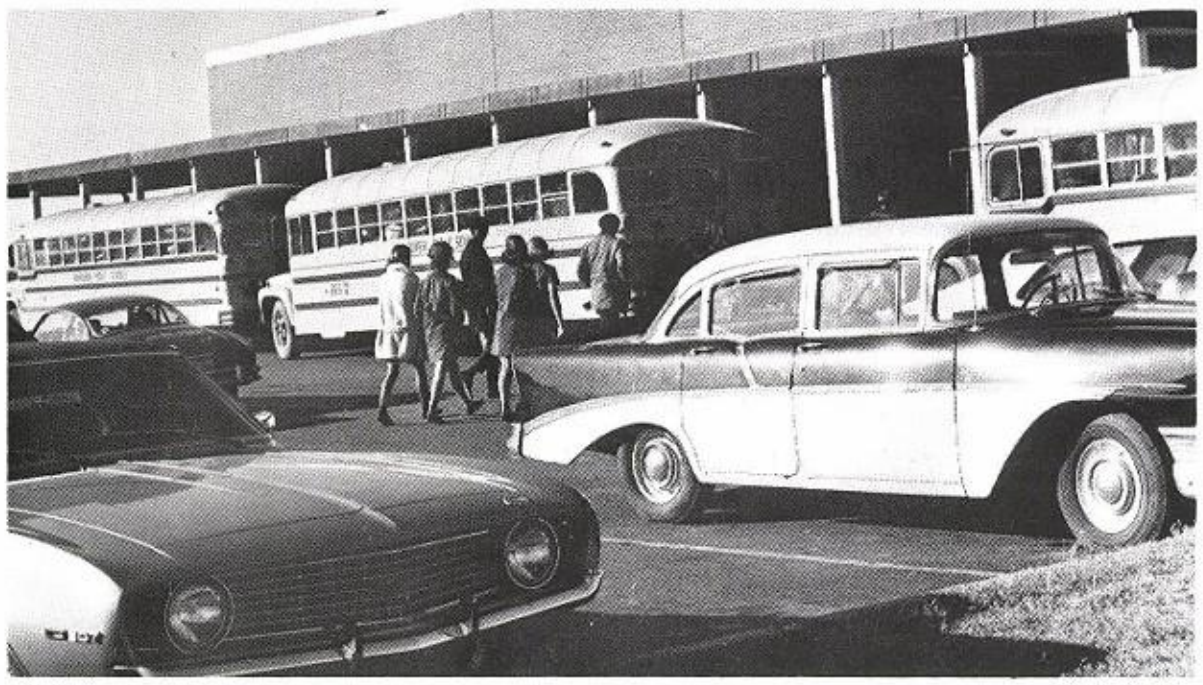
Mrs. Carolyn Johnson says interest in Home Ec courses this year seems "very high."

Mr. Paul Duvall helps DE-DO students realize how business serves America and helps make it strong.

HOME EC., HOME AND FAMILY LIVING: Mrs. Carolyn Johnson; DE-DO: Mr. Paul Duvall.

CAFETERIA WORKERS provide delicious meals with special care. The facility is capable of serving hundreds of students within a short time.

CUSTODIAN BOB EVANS, a member of the school maintenance crew, helps keep the campus one of the brightest in the state.



A FLEET OF buses get plenty of service twice each day, bringing students to school and returning them to their homes.

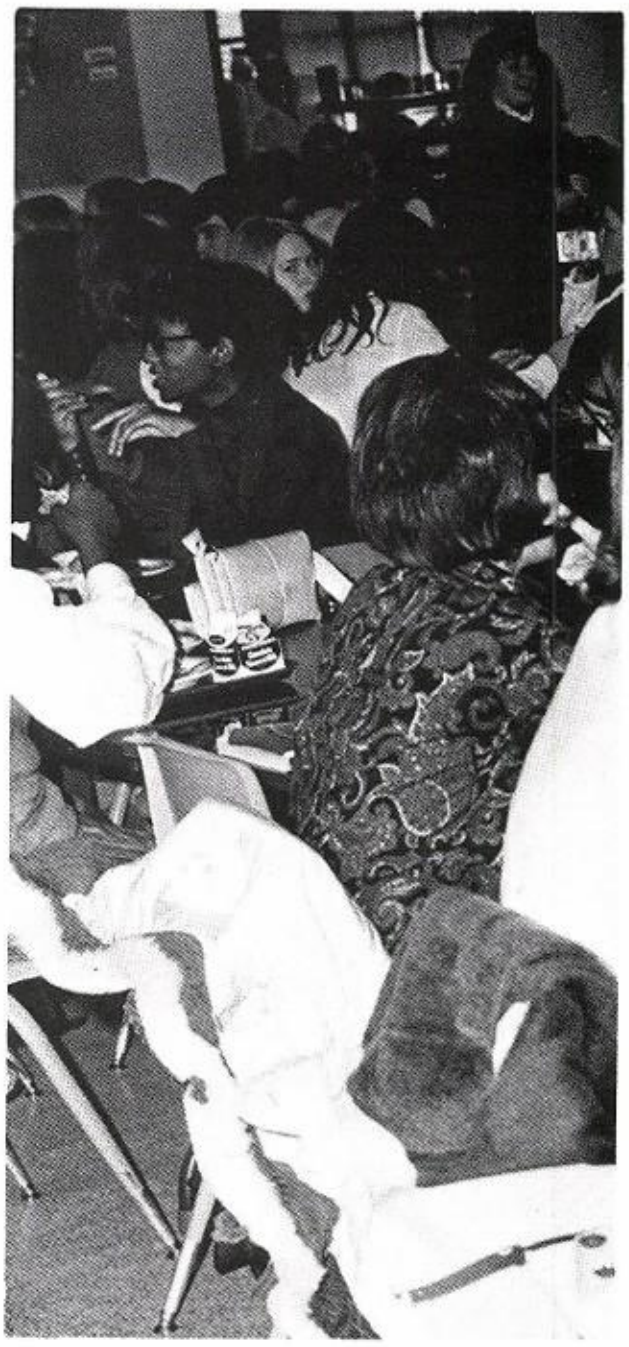
Crews Give Top Service

It might be said that two secondary additions to the curriculum are "discussion sessions" during bus trips and during meals in the ultra-modern cafeteria.

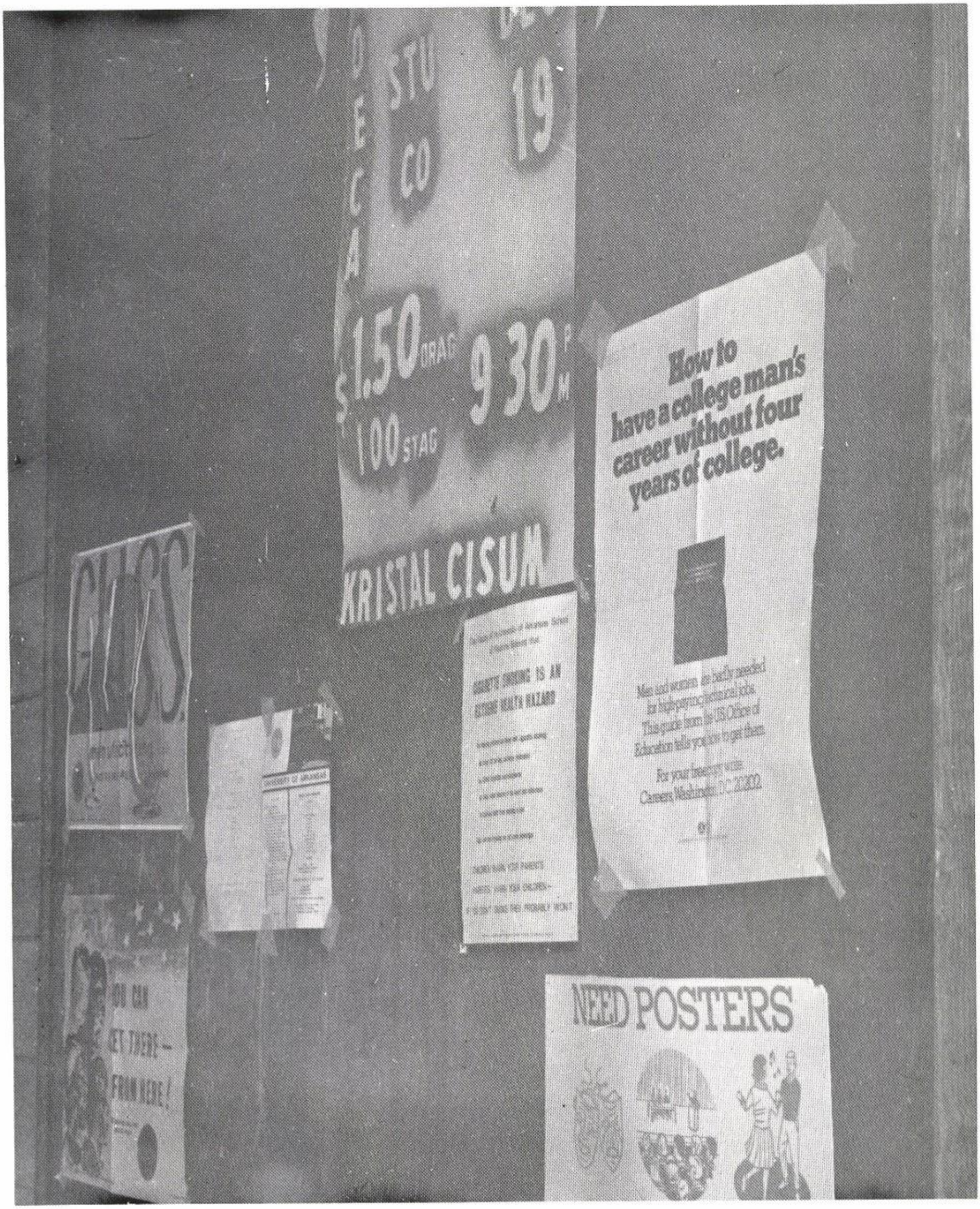
While en route to and from school each day, students have the benefit of careful drivers, and during the lunch hour they receive a variety of body-building foods.

In addition to this, the school is kept in order by a meticulous team of custodians.

The cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and custodians are important reasons why visitors from other schools remark how much healthier, safer, and more attractive our school is than others.



THE LUNCHROOM MENU includes a well-balanced diet which has been outlined by experts.



THE BULLETIN BOARD offers space for class-related and non-class-related information. It contains a DE-DO poster telling of data concerning after-high school years. . .a poster revealing an art department project to assist students and clubs. . .industrial posters. .news of a DECA dance. . .and a newsletter about college opportunities. In many ways, the bulletin board mirrors the life and hopes of every VBHS student.

THE SCRIPT

"Individualism"—one of the key words of our generation—is a frequently used word in "The Pointer Story."

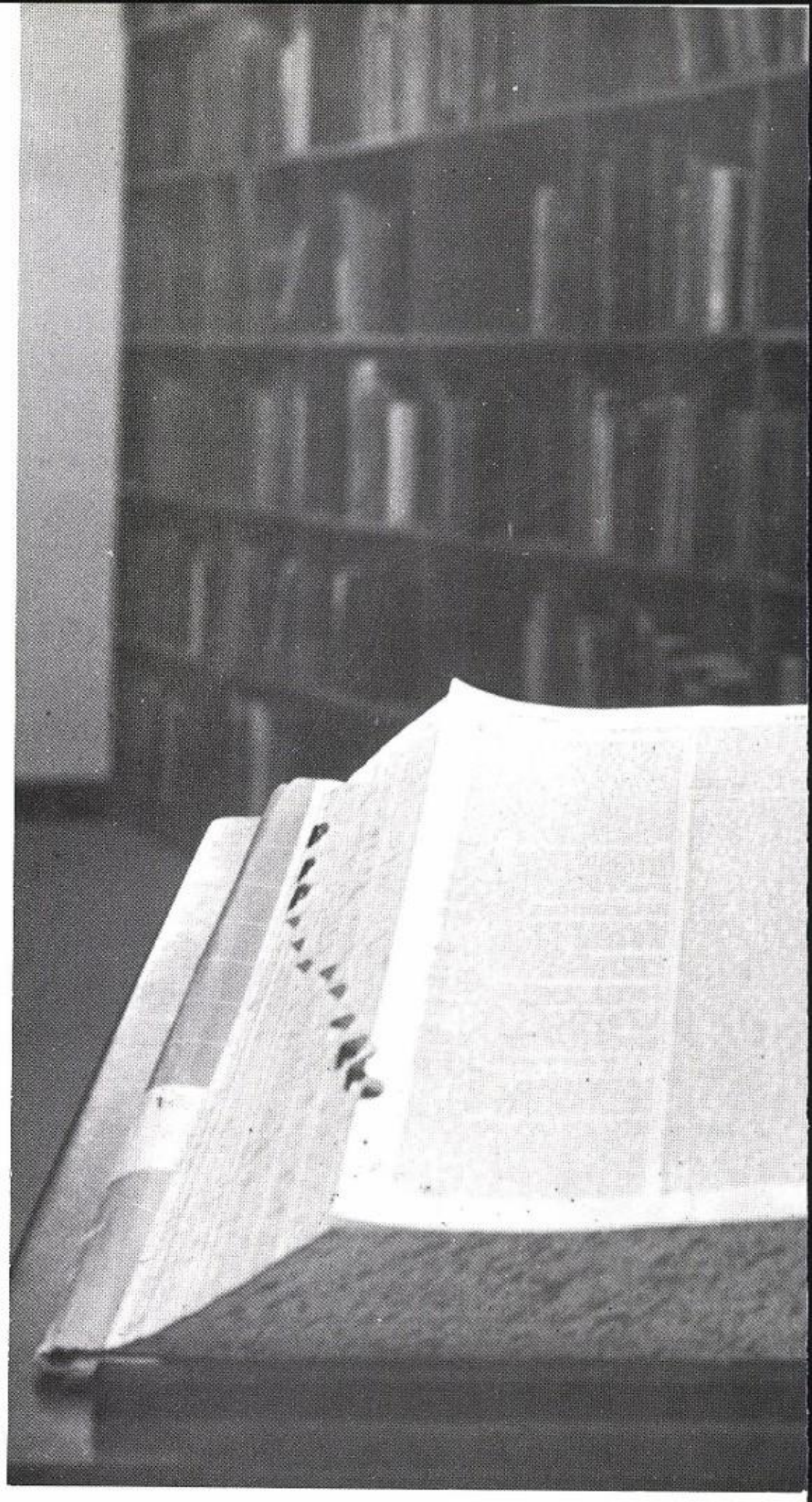
A person seeking individualism is often a seeker of truth. And, what better place to seek such truth than at a senior or junior high school.

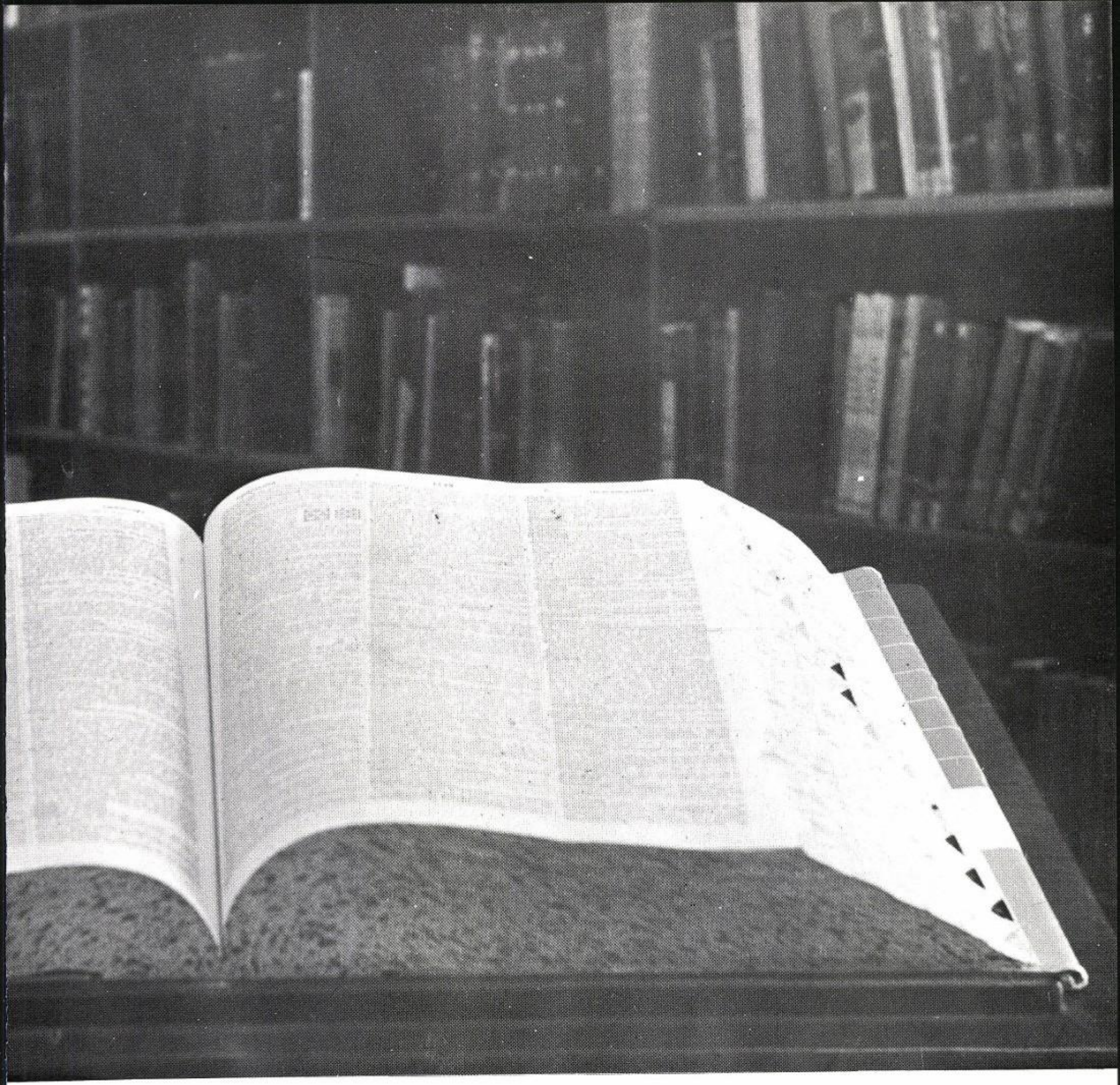
During this year, many searched and found. . .understanding. . .increased knowledge. . .new abilities. . .courage. . .honor.

Such achievements must be attained individually—and yet, they could not be discovered without others. . .friends, competitors, teachers. . .and Van Buren High School.

Thus, the Script must reveal both the individualism of a great student body, and the interrelationships it creates.

It is divided into three parts: "Sound!", "Camera!", and "Action!".





Glee Club Tapes Television, Radio Shows

SUSAN HOLMES AND Dessie Yeakley work diligently to finish the scenery for the Season's Vibrations variety show.

Between radio and television programs, "Babes in Toyland," candy sales, candle sales, "Seasons Vibrations," concerts and contests, the choral music department is one of the most active departments at Van Buren this year.

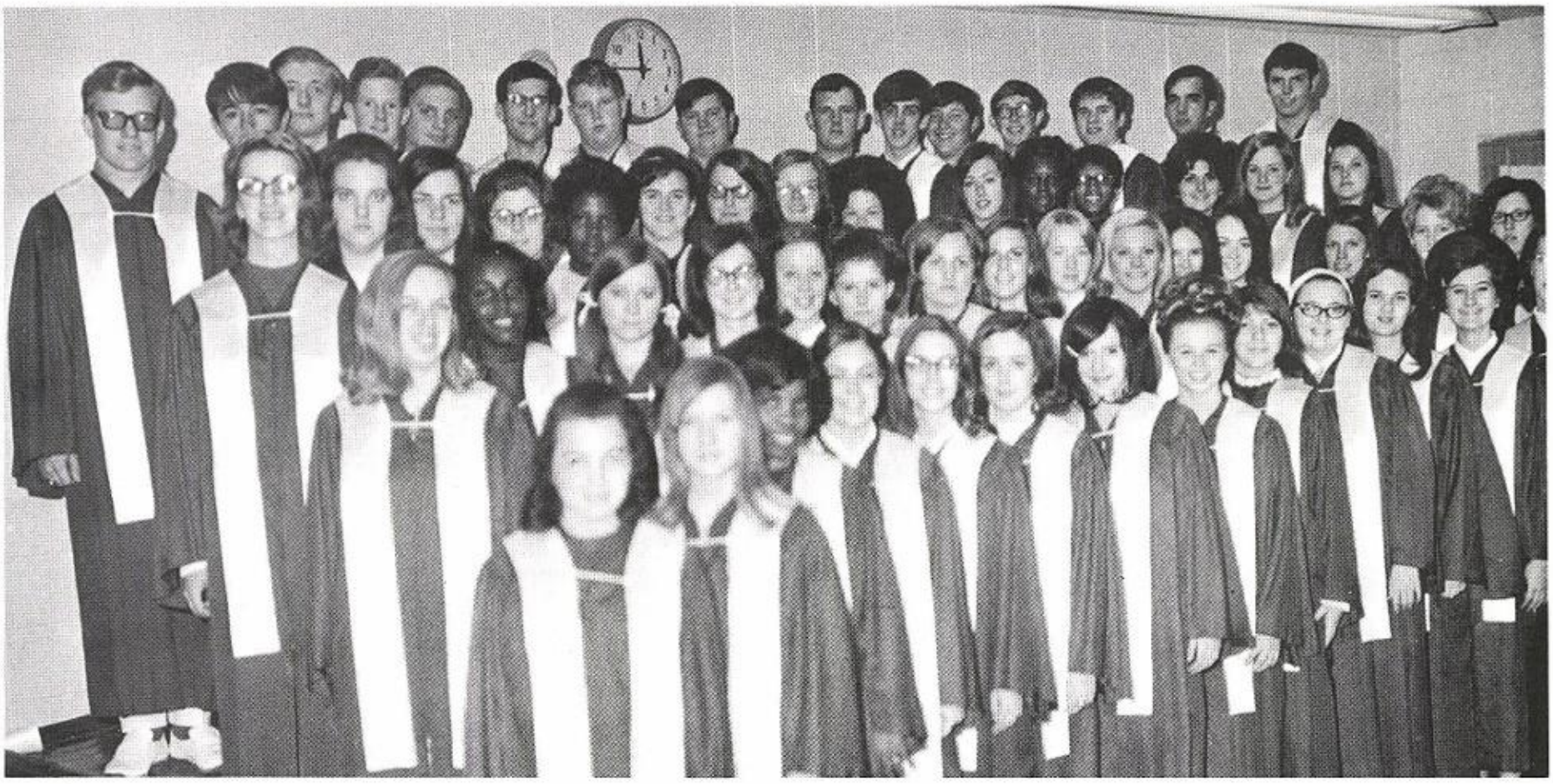
Approximately one-fourth of the school is involved in the choral music program either as members of the Glee Club or Mixed Chorus.

The fifty-six-member Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Dale Kesner, is actively engaged in the production of "Seasons Vibrations" and "Babes in Toyland" as well as carrying out their responsibilities as a choir, such as contests, concerts, radio and television programs.

To raise money, the group sold candy and Christmas candles. The profit realized from these sales was used to purchase a stereo.

Mary Sue Reed is the accompanist.

GLEE CLUB INCLUDES from left to right. First row: Monte Stratton, Kathy Newton, Betty Dutton, Jane Holland, Dessie Yeakley, Rita English, Debbie Rogers, Paulette Pound, Lou Anne James, Vicki Means, Barbara Floyd, Cheryl McCause. Second row: Patricia Helms, Debra Garrett, Carol Peters, Jo Ann Hill, Debbie Spears, Mary Sue Reed, Patricia Rankin, Marilyn Hays, Theresa Reed, Susan Holmes, Patricia Breeden, Debbie Lovegrove, Mary Goodwin, Janice Tanner. Third row: Martha Roden, Nancy Tudor, Elaine Thomas, Ruth Gregory, Letha Brewer, Alice Coble, Margie Fontaine, Shirley Gregory, Martha Hogan, June Wait, Donna Kirkpatrick, Mary Bass, Deborah Carter, Carol Maynard.



MIXED CHOURS: Row 1: Sharon Breeden, Wanda Huff, Atha Sopshire, Alice Stevenson, Sisse Freeman, Susie Fontaine, Debbie Sprinkle, Charlotte Cheek, Alicia Gray, Demaris Veerland, Karen Montgomery, Debbie Evans, Barbara Jones. ROW 2: Helen Lloyd, Sue Perry, Sue Winters, Elizabeth Sidler, Renee McKnight, Sharon Suggs, Jeanne Clotfelter, Debbie Johnson, Chris Edminsten, Linda Hopkins, Debbie Cushman, Claudia Scarbrough, Nancy Rankin, Debbie Swearingen, Marcia Hogan. ROW 3: Emma Jones, Linda Harris, Janet Bryant, Christine Basinger,Geraldine Sopshire, Phyllis Jetton, Phyllis Prim, Pam Griffis, Patricia Hyatt, Glinda Woodard, Beverly Brown, Shril Johnson, Debbie Dyer, Mary Keeton, Sharon O'Kelly. ROW 4: Robert Wood, Mark Byrant, Roger Jones, Jerry Sutton, Virgil Rainwater, Gary Moon, Ronald Ree, Fred Wells, Richard Daily, Ricky Jack, Kenneth Cox, Eddie Altus, Gaylon Evans, Ken Creekmore, Dennis Jones. (Color Picture on Page 32).

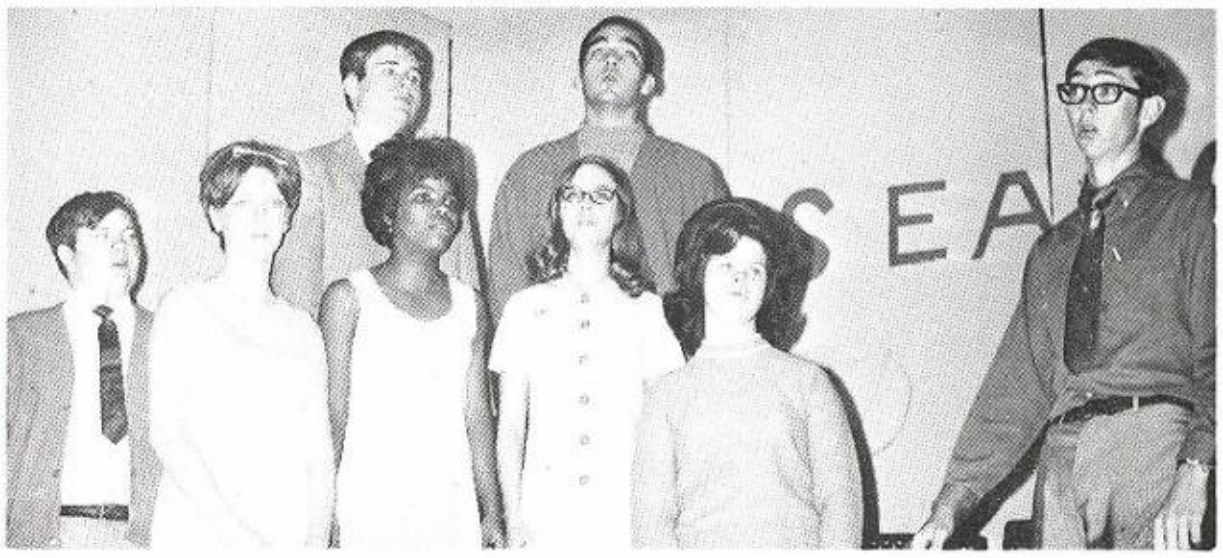
"THE SHIP" IS the title of the skit Charlotte Cheek is performing for spectators in the "Seasons Vibrations" audience.

Members Capture 'Toyland' Roles

Although talent is an essential element in the makeup of a good choir, it is not the most essential part. Without a positive attitude and a willingness to work, any talent a choir might possess would be of no use.

This outlook was exercised by the Mixed Chorus as its members captured the lead roles in "Babes in Toyland" and sold candy to raise money for a new stereo and new robes.

The chorus, under the direction of Mr. Dale Kesner, is accompanied by seniors Renee McKnight and Tim Hess.



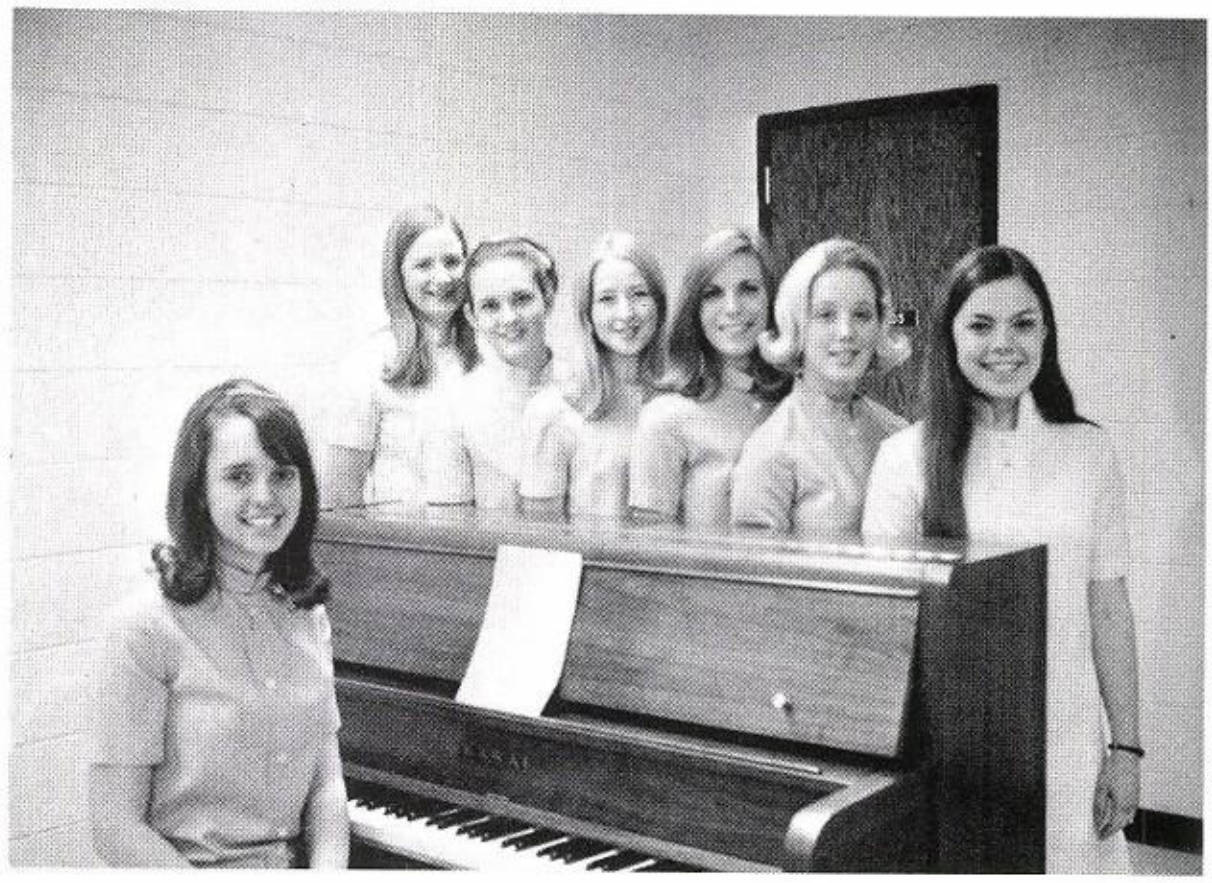
SENIOR EDDIE ALTES leads several members of mixed ensemble during talent fest "Seasons Vibrations". The fall festival kicked off a fruitful season for the music department.

Small Groups Serve School, Community

Performing services for the school and community and putting their knowledge of music into practical use are two of the main purposes of the Mixed Ensemble and the Treblettes.

Community services such as the Mixed Ensemble's performance at the community Thanksgiving service, the Treblettes program for the Rotarians, Lions, KFPW radio, KFSA radio and television.

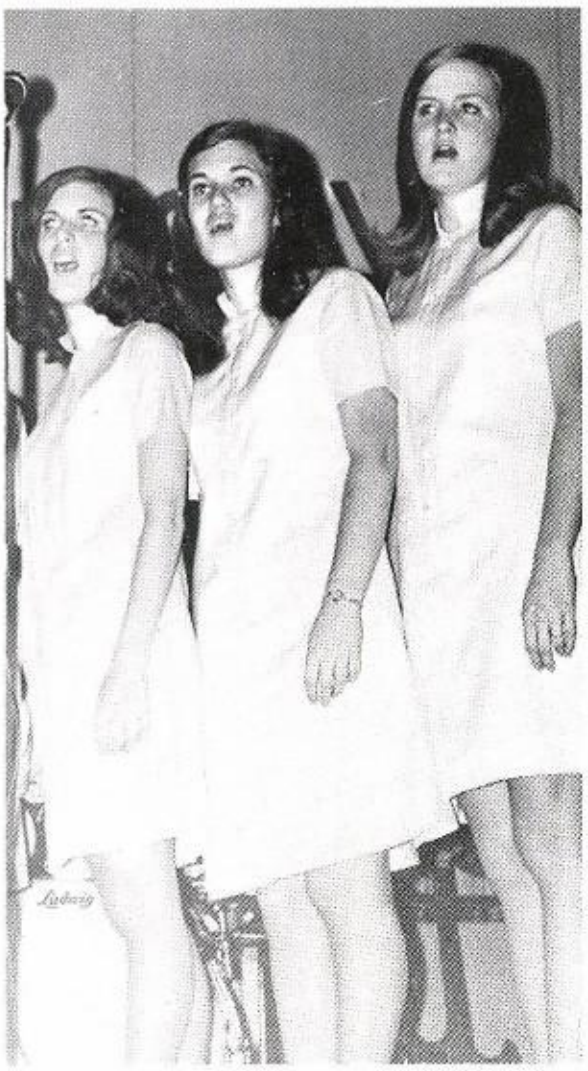
Each group performed in the "Seasons Vibrations" and an Honor Society assembly. The Treblettes also sang for the school's Christmas assembly.



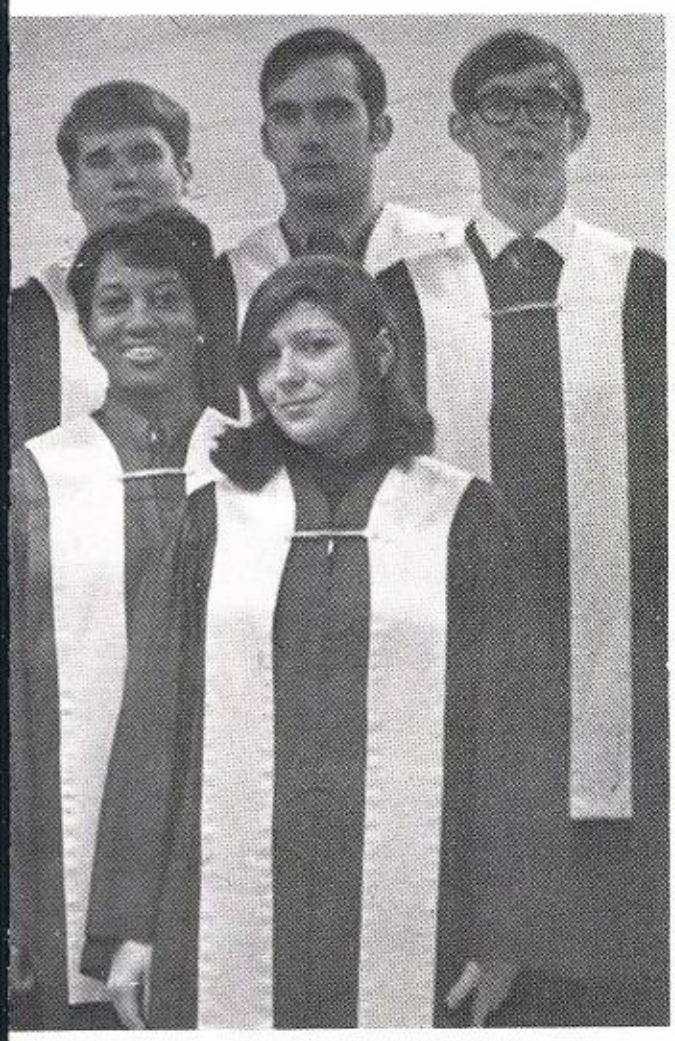
TREBLETTES: Marcia Woods, (front to back) Alice Stevenson, Renee McKnight, Debbie Johnson, Chris Edmisten, Karen Montgomery, Mary Keeton.

STARRY-EYED AND mike-in-hand senior Jeanne Clotfelter makes her 1969 fall singing debut before members of the "Season's Vibrations" audience.

MIXED ENSEMBLE: ROW 1: Renee McKnight, Atha Sopshire, Patricia Hyatt, Sissie Freeman, Julia Gardner, Shirl Johnson, Alicia Gray. ROW 2: Gary Moon, Tim Hess, Ricky Jack, Fred Wells, Gaylon Evans, Ken Creekmore, Eddie Altus.



"PROJECTION" IS THE word Debbie Johnson, Karen Montgomery and Mary Keeton concentrate on as they vocally reach out to anxious music listeners.



CHORAL MUSIC HEAD, Mr. Dale Kesner, shows his directing capabilities—on stage. Working a full schedule each schoolday, he advises students on singing techniques.

'Babes in Toyland' Strikes

THE BLACK SPIDER, Debbie Polk junior, is given a big bear hug by Ricky Mercecka, junior.

"Babes in Toyland" the pride and joy of Van Buren High School—went on stage December 5 and 6 after months of practice, planning, and perfecting.

By uniting six departments, this Broadway musical proved to be the largest school-wide project of the year. Co-sponsored by the choral music department and the junior class, the mammoth production was directed by Mr. Dale Kesner and Mrs. Emma Posey.

Those capturing lead roles were Ken Creekmore, Barnaby; Ricky Jack, Alan; Charlotte Creek, Contrary Mary; Debbie Johnson, Jane; Gary Moon, Tom; Renee McKnight, Widow Piper; Fred Wells, Master Toymaker; Robert Wood, Gonzorgo; and Mike Jones, Roderigo.

Approximately forty Piper children and Toyshop workers rounded out the fifty member cast.

CONTRARY MARY'S DEDICATED dancing dandies make their amorous thoughts audible in the "Babes in Toyland" musical. The two-night winter event netted capacity crowds at the Junior High Auditorium.

THIS BROADWAY MUSICAL included students other than choral music and junior class members. Chucky Runions, senior, played the part of a toy soldier.

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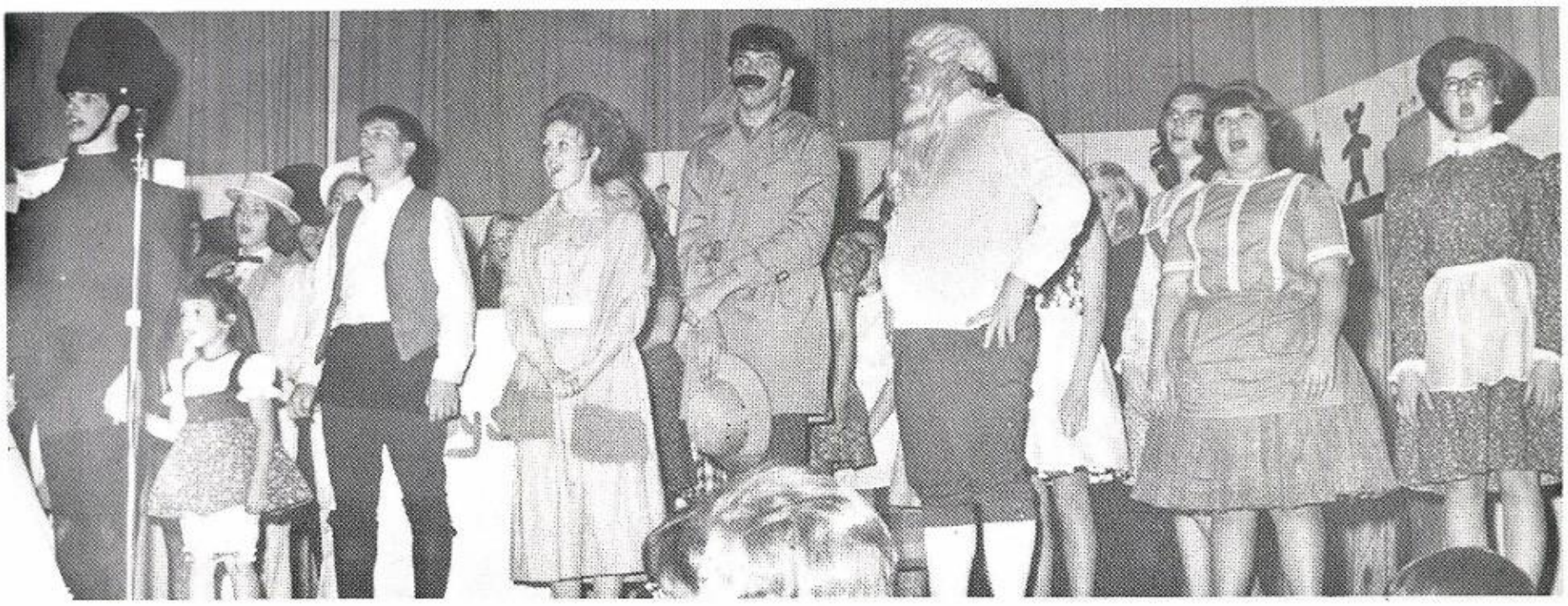
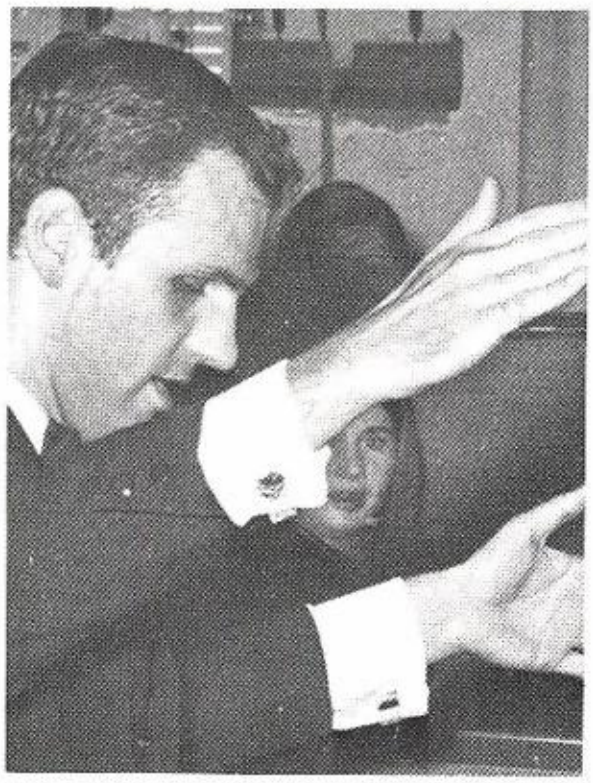


THE FINAL CURTAIN call of Babes in Toyland, the actors sang the title song Toyland. The show, a joint project with Choral Music and the Junior Class, was a big success.

MAKE-BELIEVE GYPSY Ricky Jack gets ready for the cue from Mrs. Emma Posey before he goes onstage to look for his girl in their make-believe world.

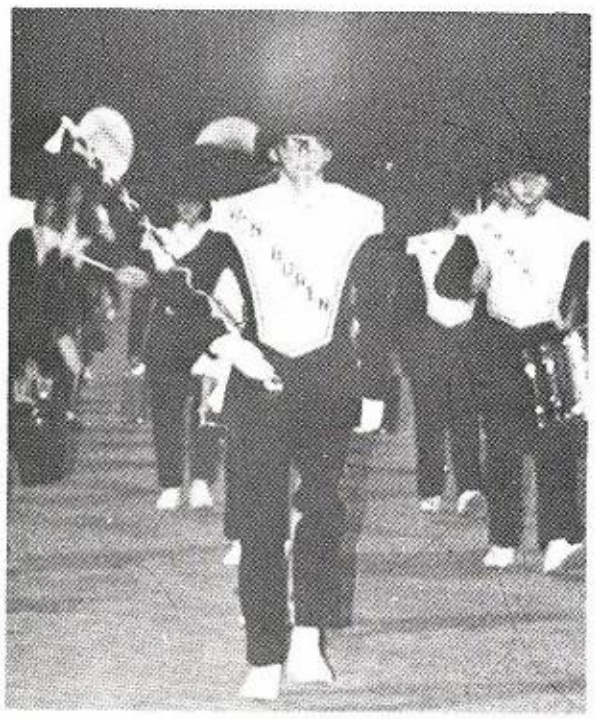
MAD DOLLS ARE up in rebellion against the toymaker. Ken Creekemore had let the evil spirits out of the bottle causing all the toys to rise up against the Toymaker, Fred Wells.

Football Games, Parades and Concerts

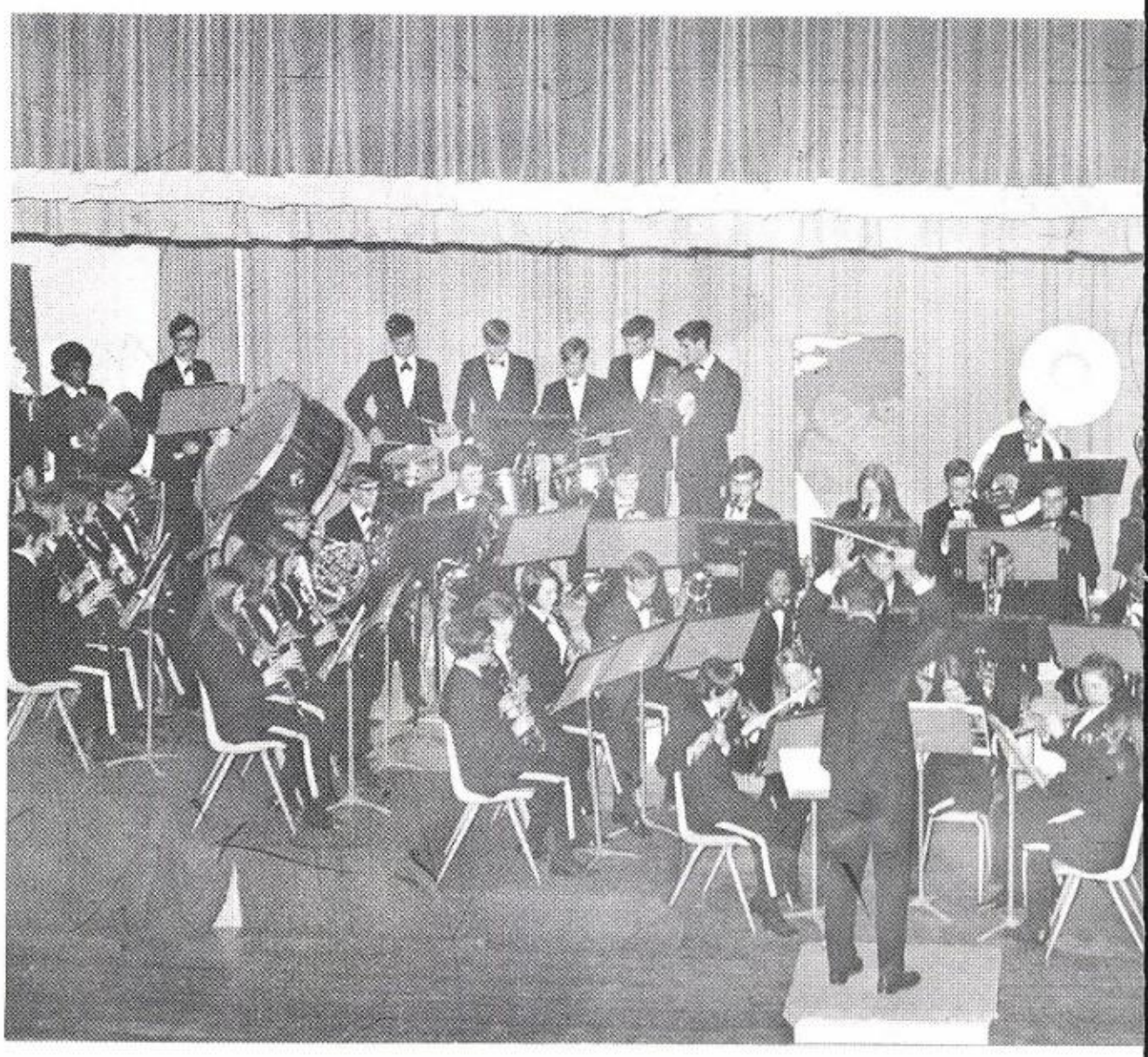


MR. JOHN WINKELMANN, band director, conducts the band during one of the many concerts.

FLUTES: ROW 1: Jane Swanson, Dottie Downs, Melissa Cobb, Chris Edmisten, Sue England.
BASS CLARINETS: ROW 2: Paul Bruce, Kathy Sopshire, Allen McIlvain.



DRUM MAJOR, EDDIE Altes leads the band on the field for their halftime performance.



PERFORMING AT THE annual Christmas Concert, the band added much to the Yule Season with their joyful music.

Round out Bands' Year

Continual practice is the key ingredient to the success of the Pointer Band.

Activities for the year began at Mayo-Thompson Stadium as they opened the marching season with their new high stepping march.

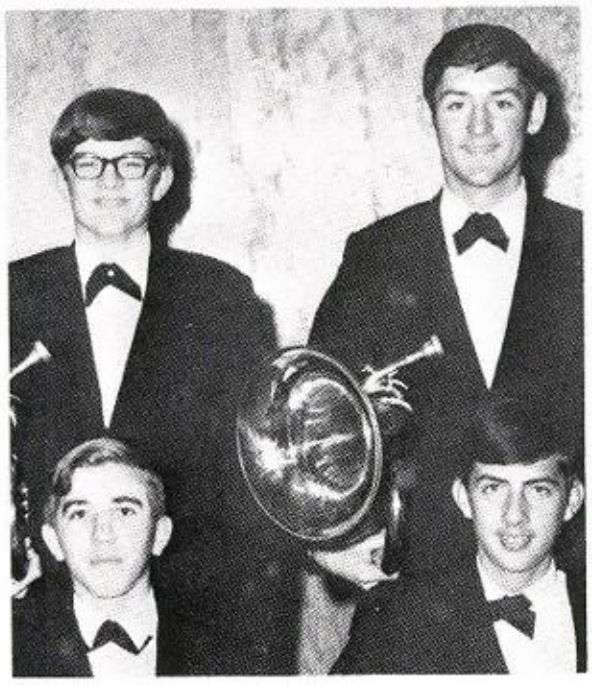
The majorettes: Captain Phyllis Ragge, Sue Servold, Jean Scales, Jane Swanson, Elaine Watkins, and Mona Hopkins, performed at all home games. A special touch was added to Homecoming with Stewart Gordon twirling a fire baton.

This year, under the student direction of Eddie Altes, the band marched in various civic parades.

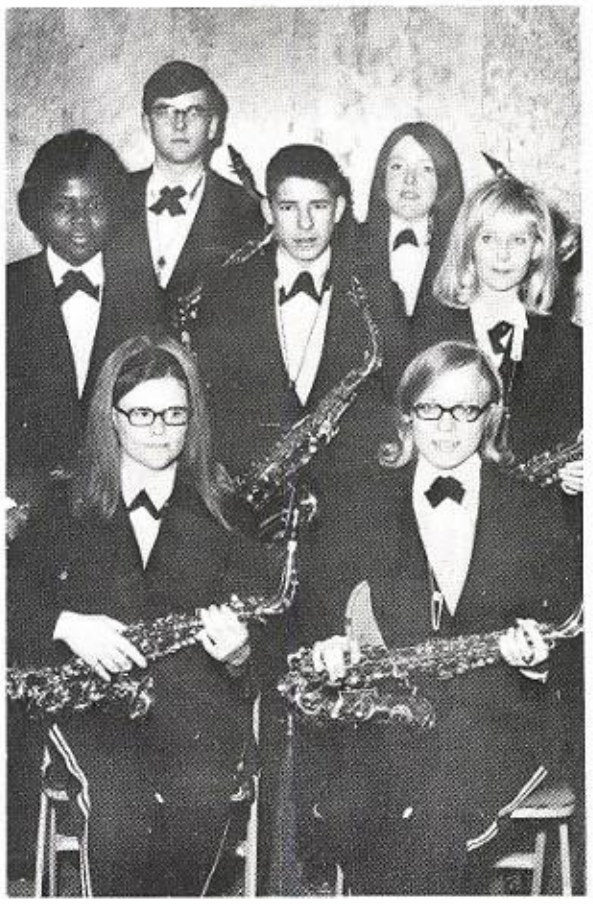
Concert season was kicked off December 16, as the band presented the annual Christmas concert.

Also, the band presented several school concerts and a Spring Concert.

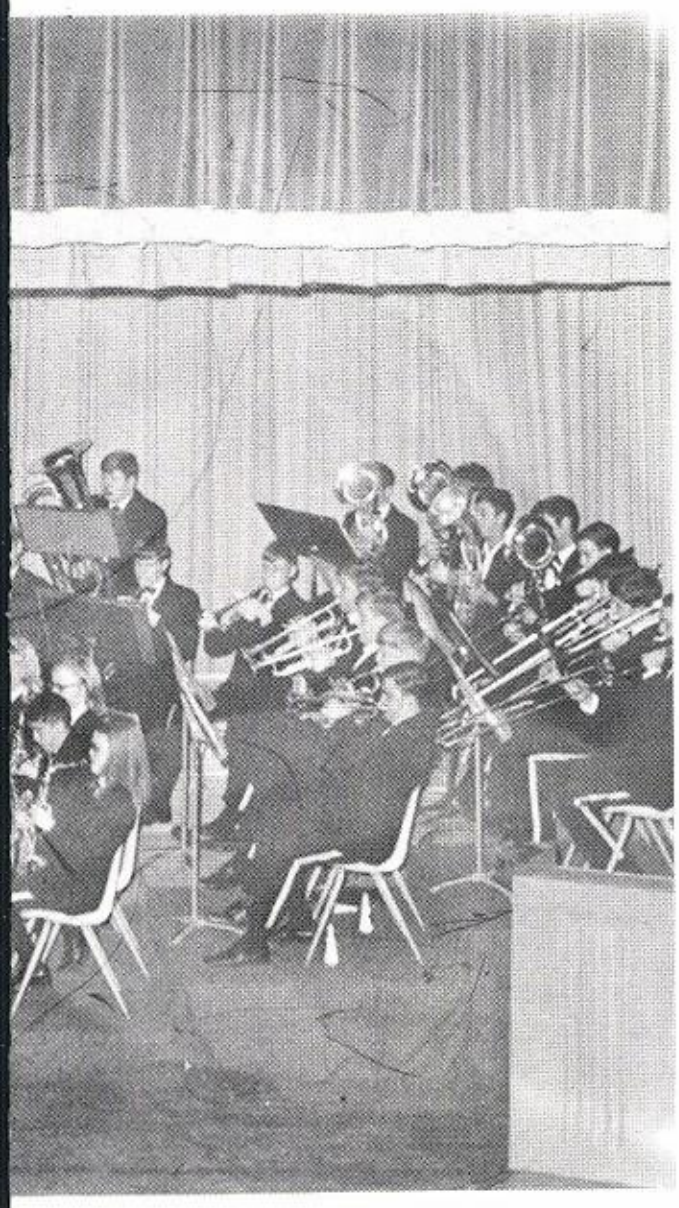
Members looked forward to region and state festivals.



BARITONES: ROW 1: Buddy Johnston, Larry Crawford. ROW 2: Steve Price, Bobby Corbell.



SAXOPHONES: ROW 1: Debbie Mays, Sally Servold. ROW 2: Geraldine Sopshire, Kevin Wheeler, Mona Hopkins. ROW 3: Randall Henley, Leslie Fisher.



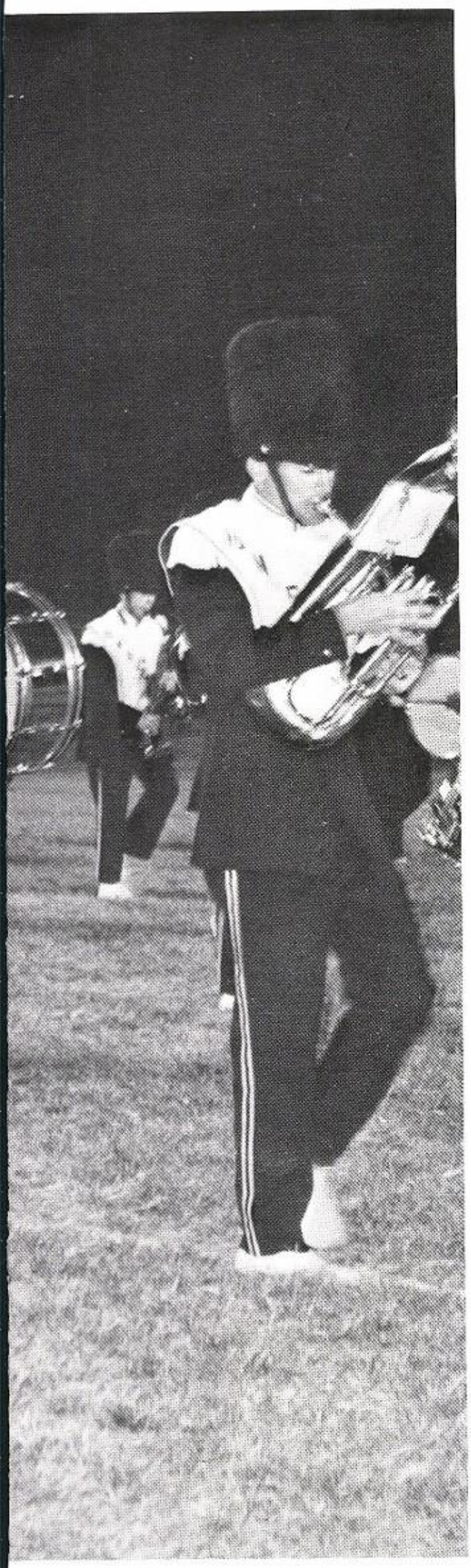
CLARINETS: ROW 1: Janice Tanner, Paula Smith, Cindi Weatherton, Judy McFadden, Charles Bolling. ROW 2: Alicia Gray, Deborah Yancey, Joyce Foley, Connie Walker, Lillie Whited, David Crawford.

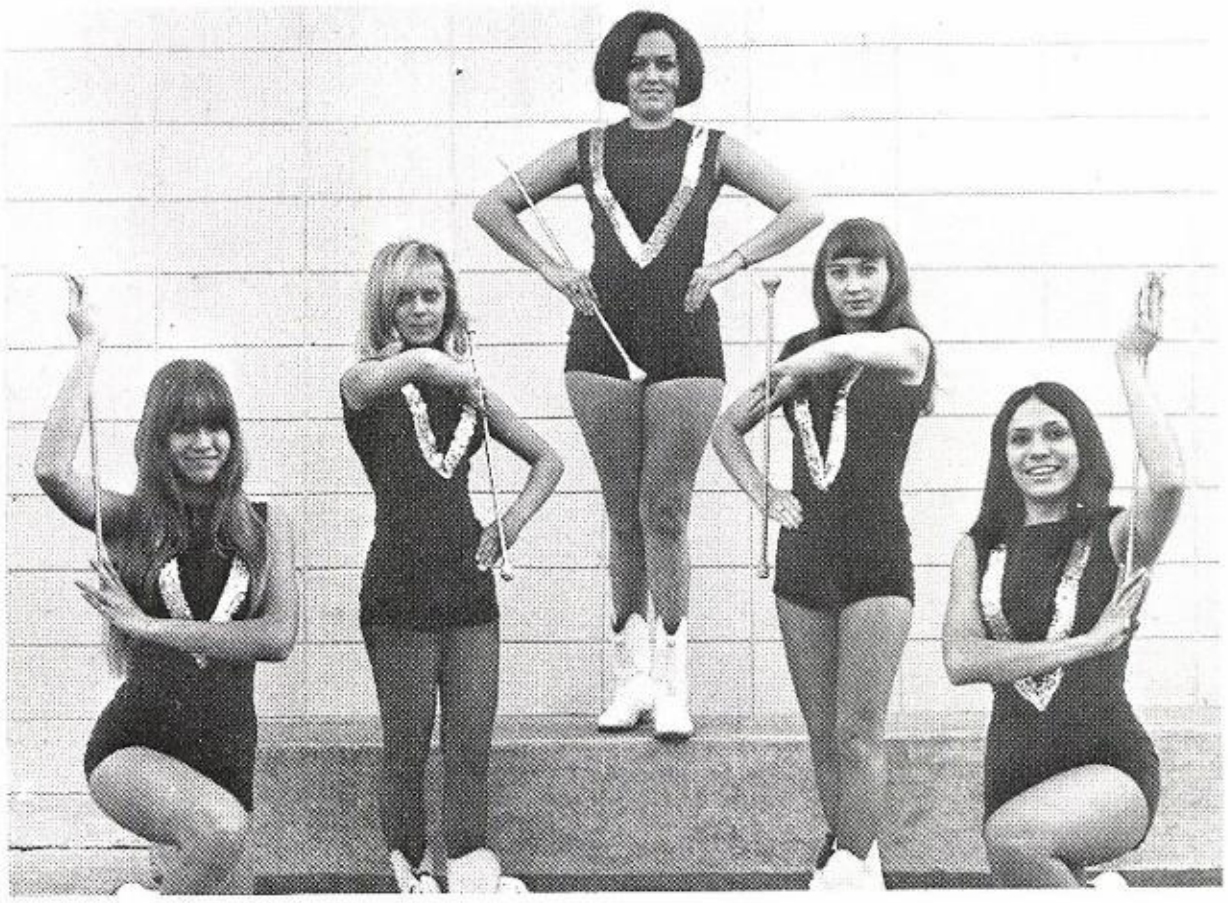
Band Struts For Half-time

PERCUSSION: ROW 1: David Wilson, Jean Scales, Atha Sopshire, Tim Hess. ROW 2: Richard Thomas, Johnny Loftin, Fred Wells, Roy Russell.

BASSES, FRENCH HORNS, TROMBONES: ROW 1: Mike White, Stewart Gordon, John Maxwell, Jimmy Stedman, Jimmy Green. ROW 2: Ritchie Actkinson, Steve Arnold, Charles Peer, Ricky Hall, David Whitsett.

PERFORMING AT HALF-time during home football games is just one of the many activities the band takes part in during the school year.





MAJORETTES: ELAINE WATKINS, Mona Hopkins, Captain Phyllis Ragge, Jean Scales, Sue Servold.

CORNETS: ROW 1: Johnny Isam, Kenneth Floyd, Larry Wiley, Wesley Stockton, Nathan Livingston. ROW 2: Mitchell Steudeman, Jimmy McKnight, Sue Servold, Wade Tellar, Mike Sallee.

STUDENT COUNCIL. ROW 1: Alice Stevenson, Brenda Glass, Vicki Means, Margie Fontaine, Renee McKnight, Debbie Polk, Sally Servold, Sarah Holmes. ROW 2: Marlene Pursell, Paula Wood, Julia Gardner, Lynn Preston, Cindy Neal, Linda Hopkins, Debbie Bell, Jack Servold, Charles Peer, David Neal. ROW 3: Ricky Jack, Nelson Ballard, Ken Creekmore, Larry Bray, Ralph Ball, Gaylon Evans.

StuCo Sponsors Royalty, 'Stunt Night'

STUDENT COUNCIL GOES "Mod" for March of Dimes. Mrs. Emma Posey pays Alice Stevenson for bread the council sold to contribute to the cause.

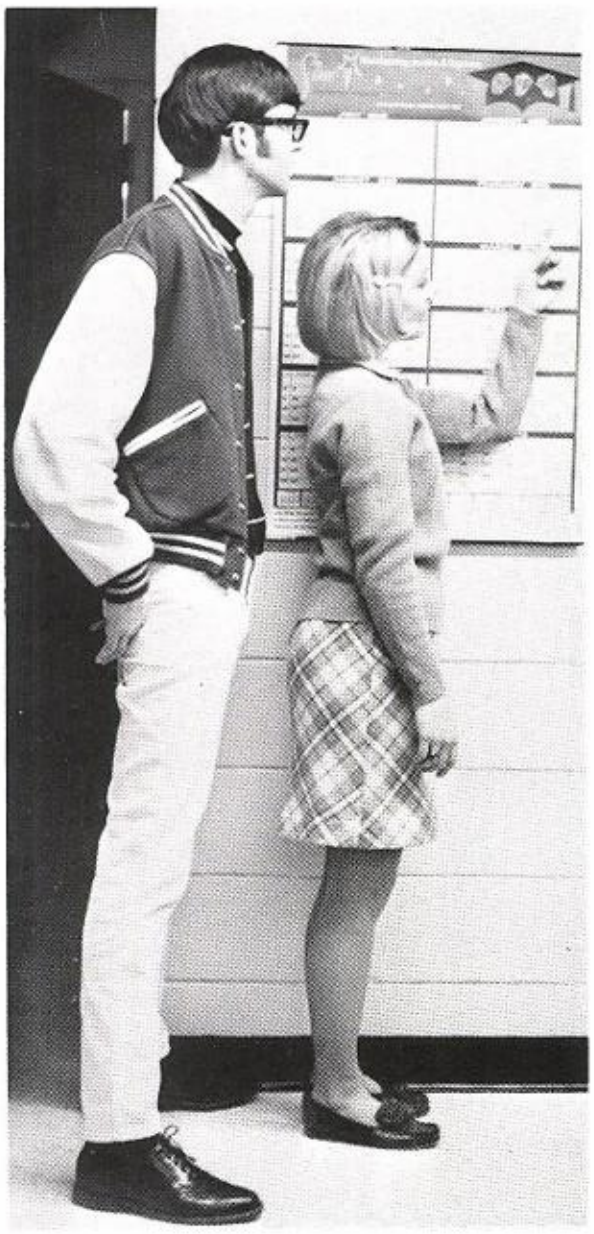
On the Student Council agenda for this year activities ran high.

In addition to sponsoring the football Homecoming and Valentine Royalty, members contributed to community projects such as the March of Dimes bread sale.

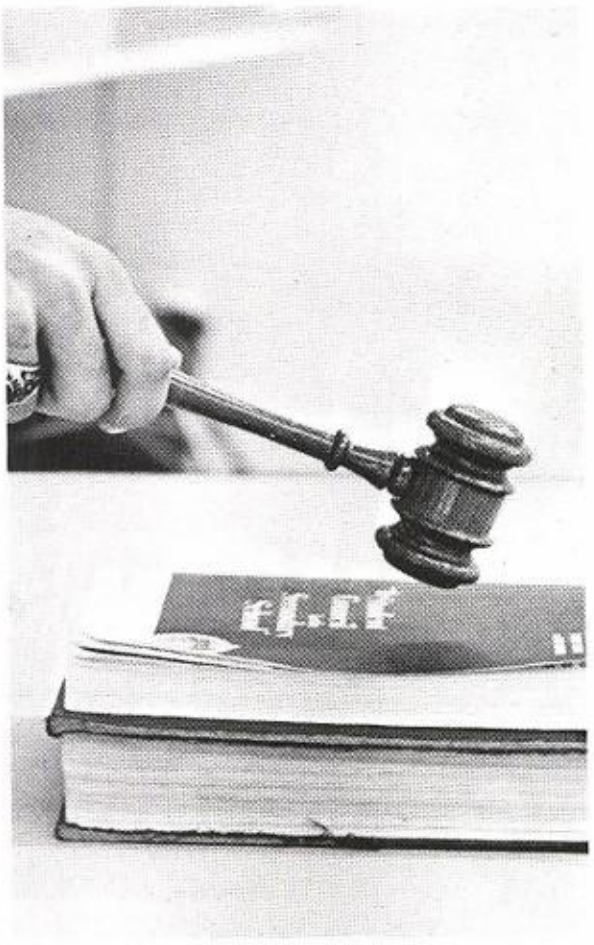
School projects included Sadie Hawkins' Day, plaques recognizing plot sponsors, and the mystery person of the week, a contest in which clues to the indentities of famous people were given daily. At the end of the week, the student who guessed the mystery person was awarded a ticket to the upcoming game. Also, an informal "drop-in" was sponsored on Halloween night after the game.

Near the end of the school year, Student Council members took a trip to Six Flags over Texas.

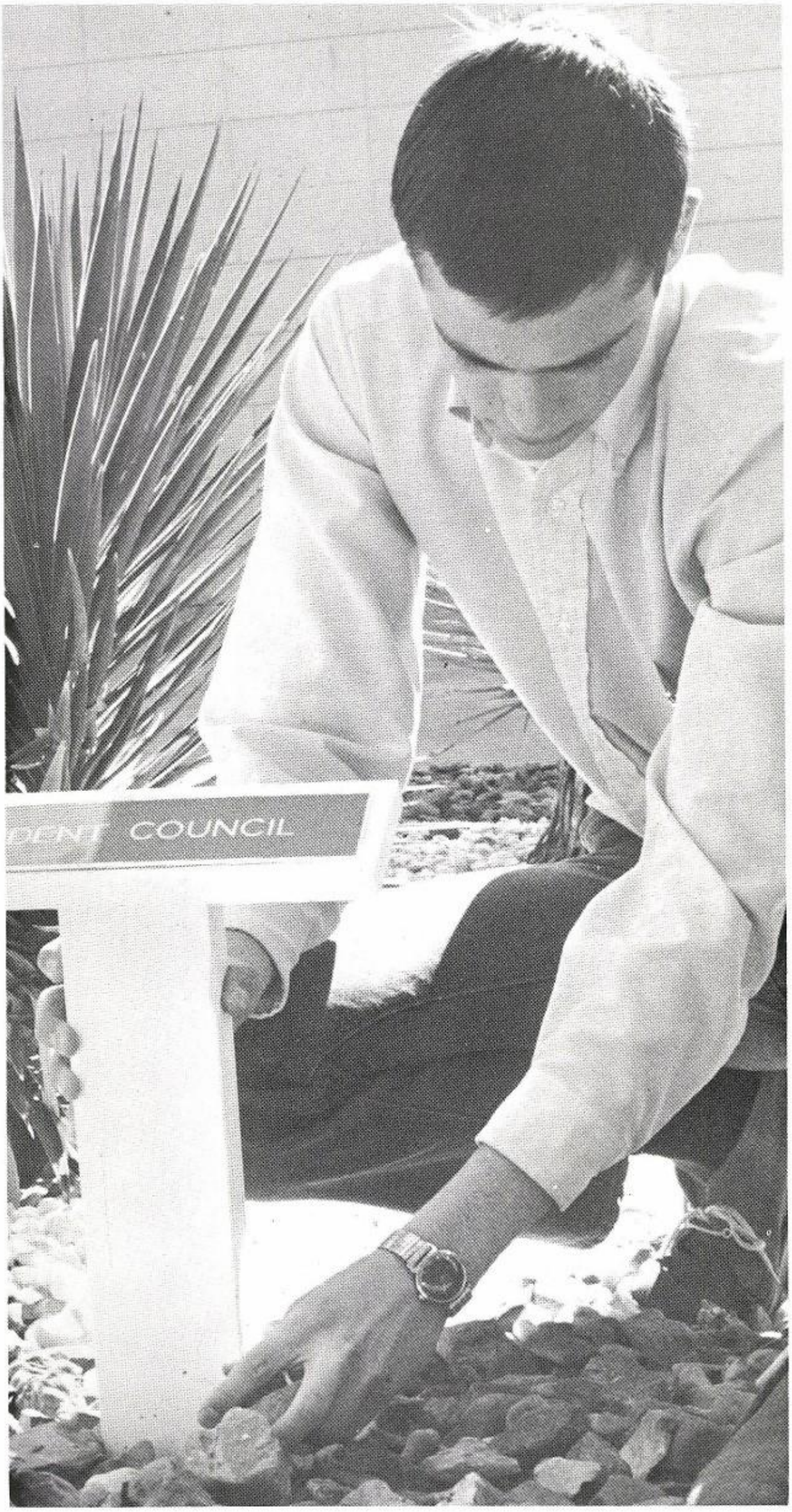
Leading the active group through the year are Ken Creekmore, president; Nelson Ballard, vice-president; Alice Stevenson, secretary; Larry Bray, treasurer; and Charles Peer, chaplain.



IMPORTANT DATES ARE marked on the calender as Renee McKnight points out to Larry Bray.

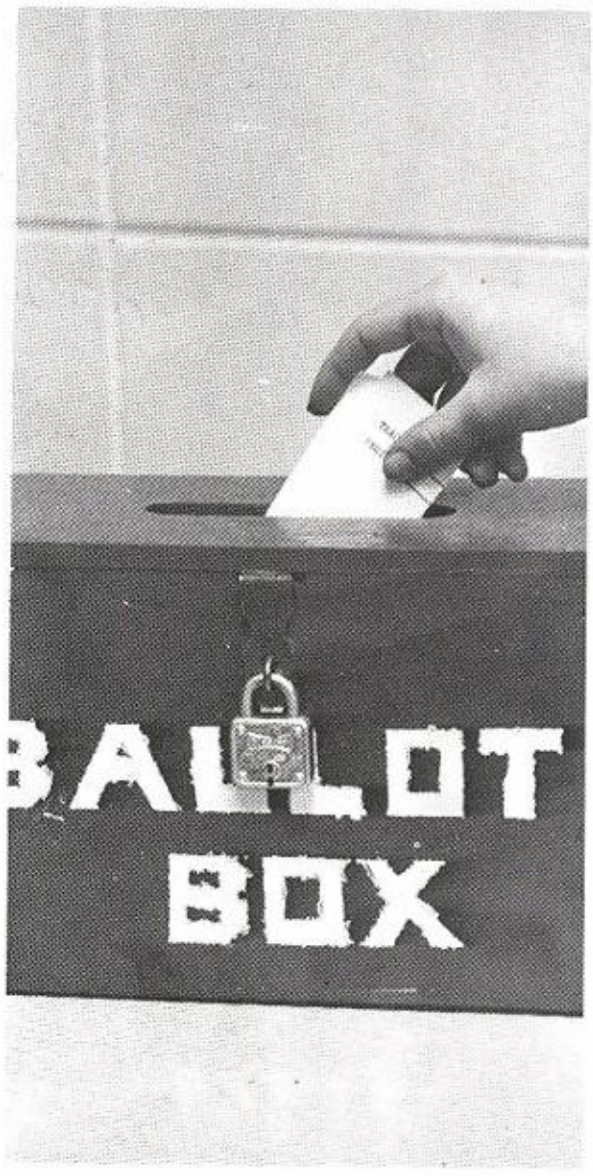


A RAP OF the gavel opens and closes Student Council meetings.



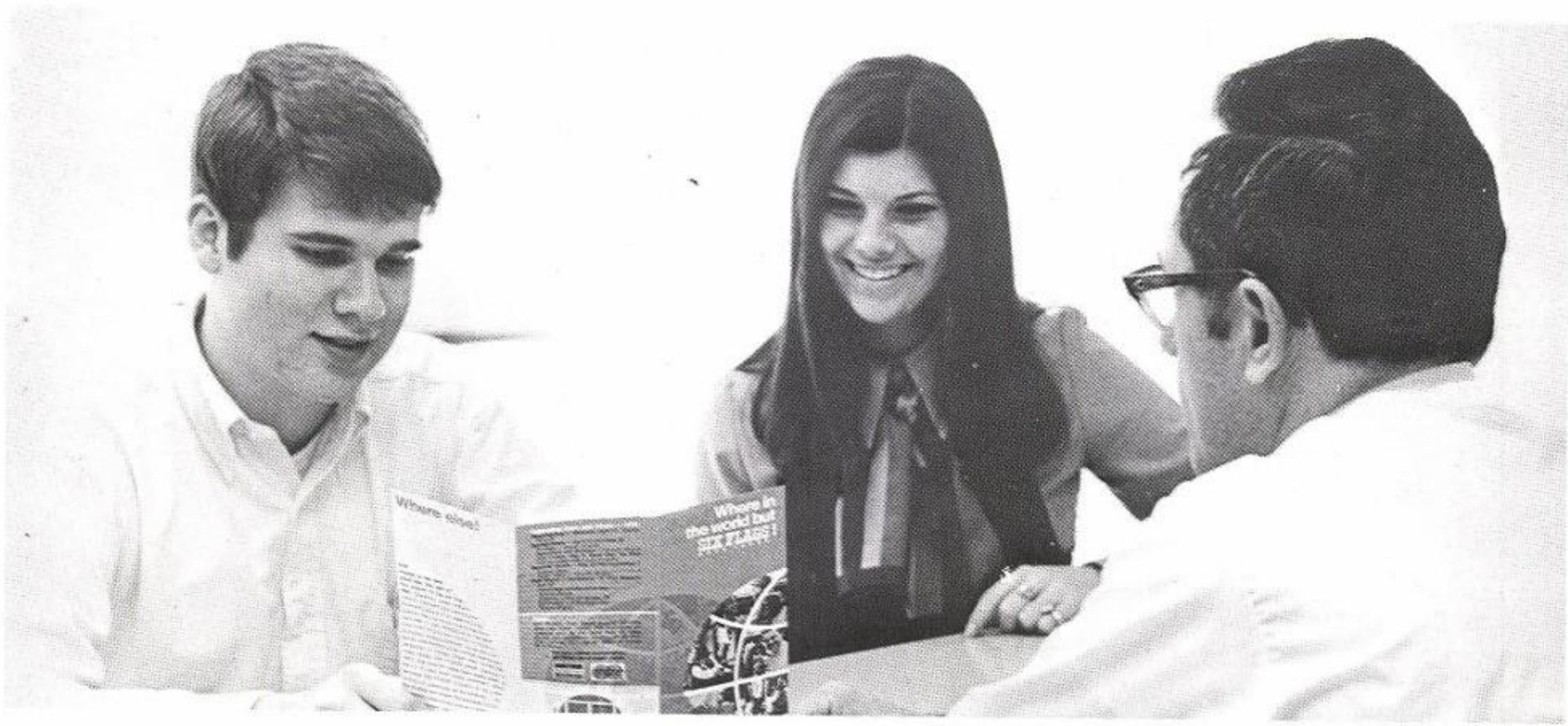
PLAQUES OF RECOGNITION are planted in the landscape plots by council member Ralph Ball.

Councilmen Enjoy Parties, Trips, Work

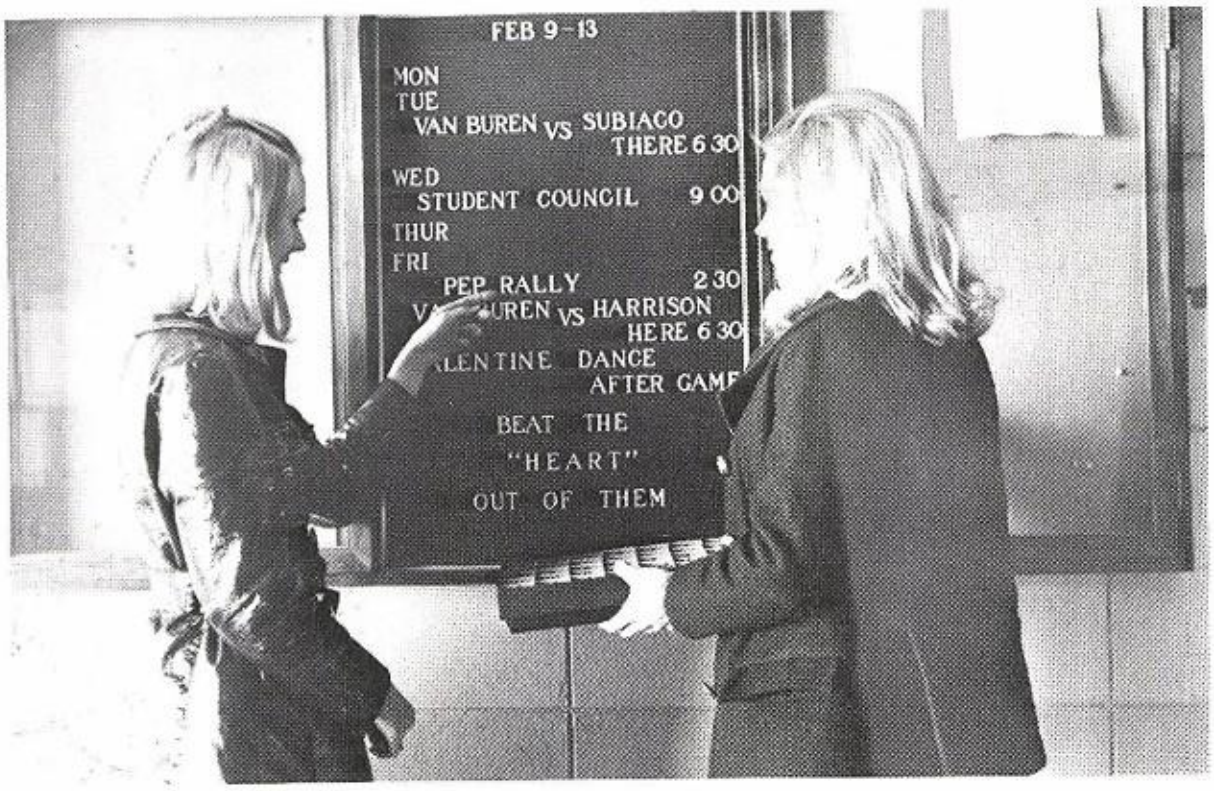


NUMEROUS ELECTIONS ARE held which give this Ballot Box use.

SOME PEOPLE CAN'T endure the long hours of a card game, as Renee McKnight illustrates at a student council party.

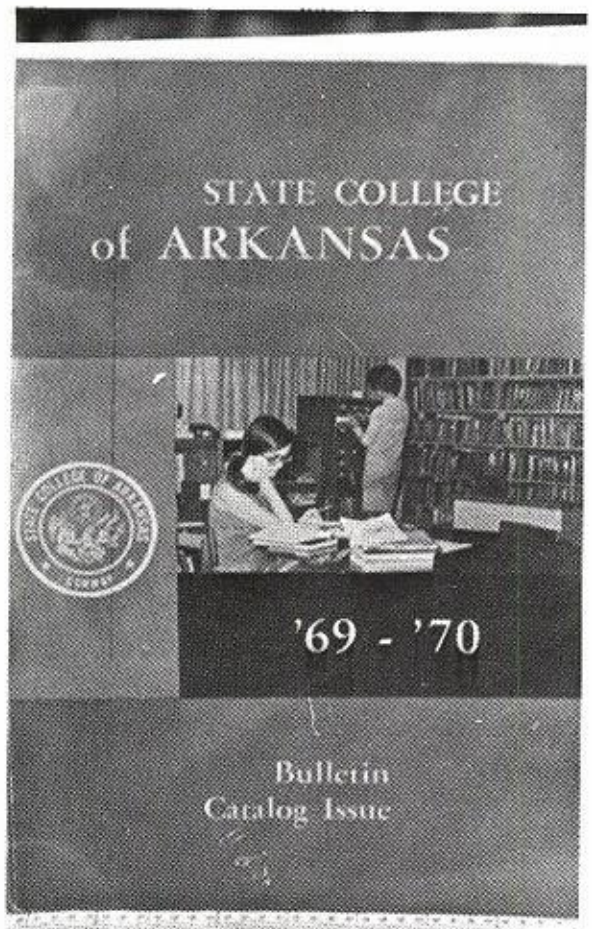


DISCUSSING PLANS FOR their trip to Six Flags are Student Council members Vicki Means and Gaylon Evans. They listen attentively while Mr. Walter Rockwell explains the proposed schedule.



THE BULLETIN BOARD informs students of daily activities. Cindy Neal and Linda Hopkins put on finishing touches.

AS VALENTINE'S DAY approaches, Paula Wood and Alice Stevenson prepare decorations for the dance held following the clash with Harrison, February 13. (Right) Announcement is made of the Student Council sponsored dance which was held for the benefit of the March of Dimes. Lynn Preston helps put up the poster.



Society Boosts Learning, Sponsors Ideal 'Beauty'

Selected for their academic achievements and scholastic contributions, the members of the Alfred E. Wallace chapter of the National Honor Society form a welcome addition to the organizations at VBHS.

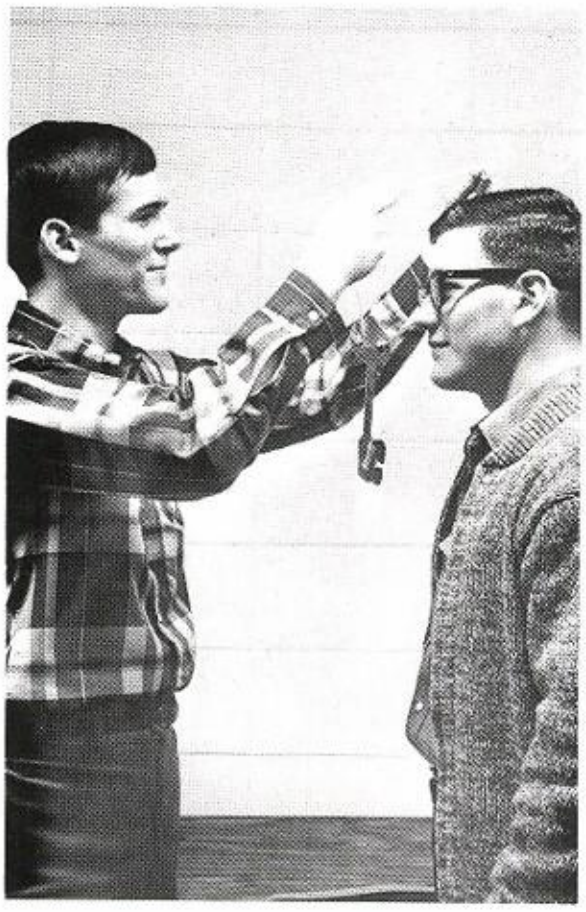
Under the guidance of Miss Donna Smith, sponsor, the society strives to serve the school and community, and contribute its talents to improvement.

The Honor Society boosted spirit during football season by selling ribbons promoting the team. Adding humor to their assemblies, the club sponsored the annual "Miss Ideal" pageant in which the male members vied for the coveted title.

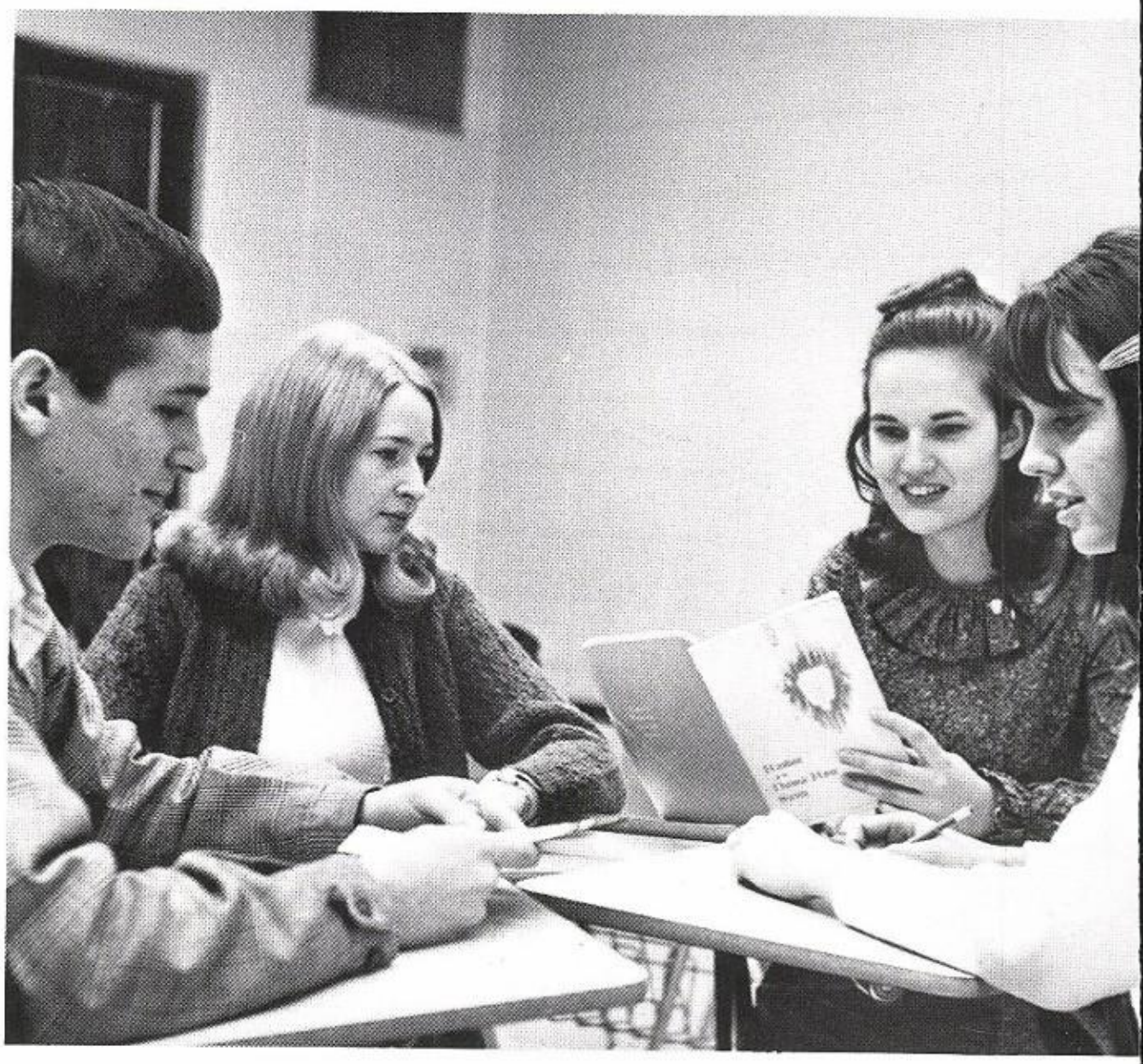
Increasing its membership, the society inducted several new members each semester from these students qualifying for the honor by displaying the traits of service, character, leadership, and scholarship.

Officers for the group are, Gary Moon, president; Karen Montgomery, vice president; Sissie Freeman, secretary; and Gaylon Evans, treasurer.

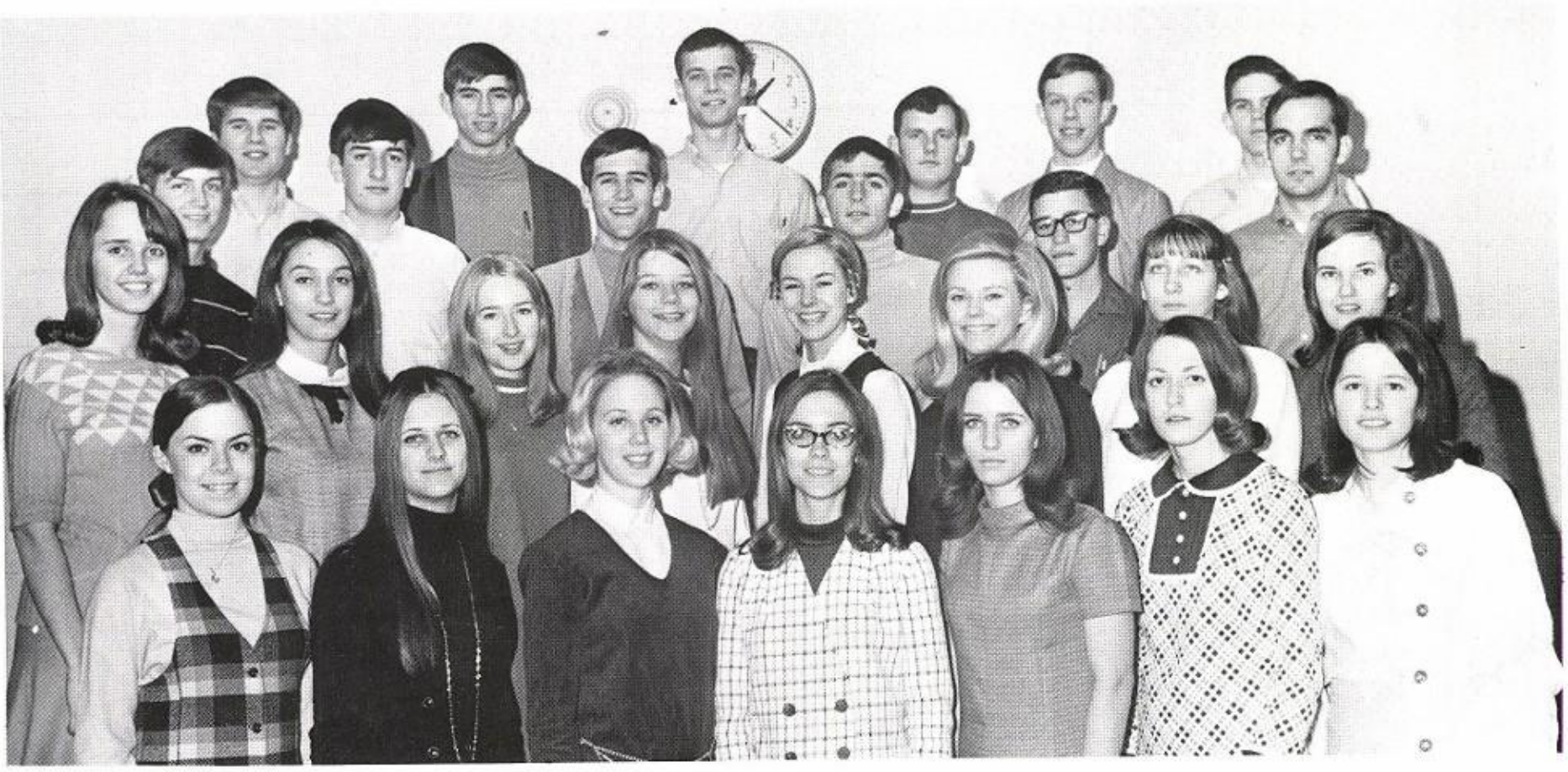
HIGH SCHOLASTIC HONOR is but one characteristic of the National Honor Society.



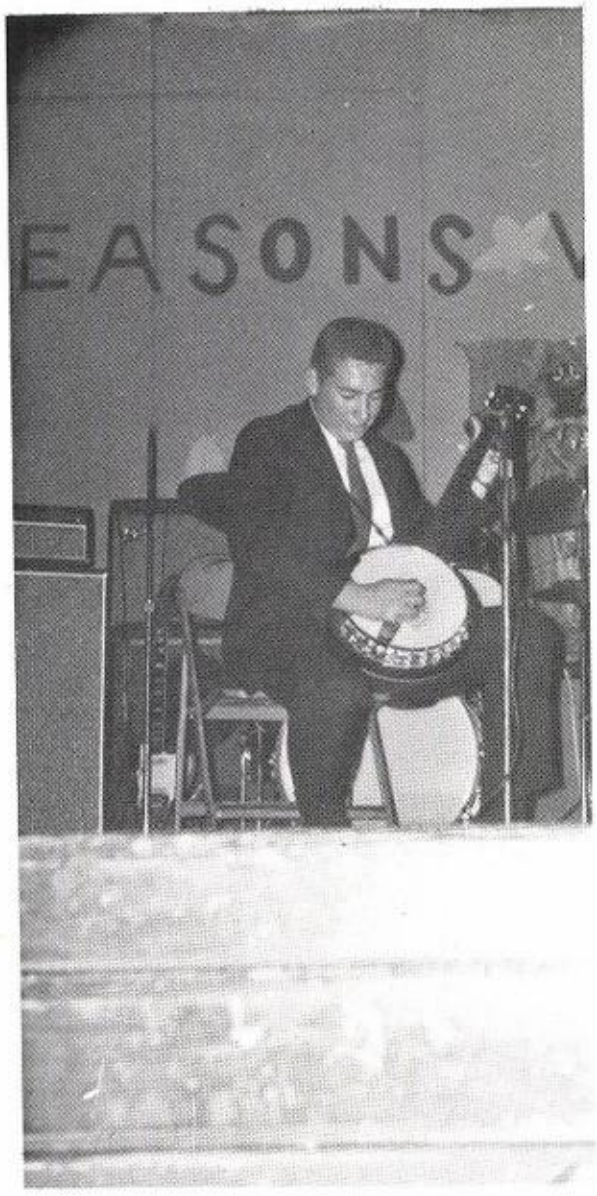
GARY MOON GLADLY presents the Honor Society key to new member, Ricky Newton.



N. H. S. MEMBERS work in a combined effort to produce an assembly for the student body. They are Gary Moon, Chris Edmisten, Karen Montgomery, and Marcia Woods.



HONOR SOCIETY, ROW 1: Alice Stevenson, Brenda Glass, Renee McKnight, Susie Freeman, Debbie Warren, Mary Reed, Francis Allen. ROW 2: Marcia Woods, Norma Trentham, Chris Edmisten, Lynn Preston, Cindy Neal, Linda Hopkins, Penelope Atkinson, Karen Montgomery. ROW 3: Charles Peer, David Barnard, Gary Moon, David Vandergriff, Ricky Newton, Ken Creekmore, ROW 4: Gaylon Evans, Nelson Ballard, Ralph Ball, Richard Daily, Jimmy Stedman, Sam Yakley.



Like many other Honor Society members, Carl Harris finds his time filled with many extra-curricular activities, such as "Season's Vibrations."

MEMBERS OF THE National Honor Society work hard in more ways than one, as Debbie Warren (center) illustrates by selling spirit tags.

FRENCH CLUB ROW 1: Donna Kirkpatrick, Lynn Kennedy, Sue England, Francis Allen, Kristine Basinger. ROW 2: Randall Henley, Jim McKnight, Letha Brewer, Kay Williams, Charles Peer, Cindy Neal, Fred Wells.

French Club Donates Time, Effort To Collecting Toys

Beginning their year under a new sponsor, Mr. Henry Chotard, the French Club launched a membership drive to interest new personnel in the organization.

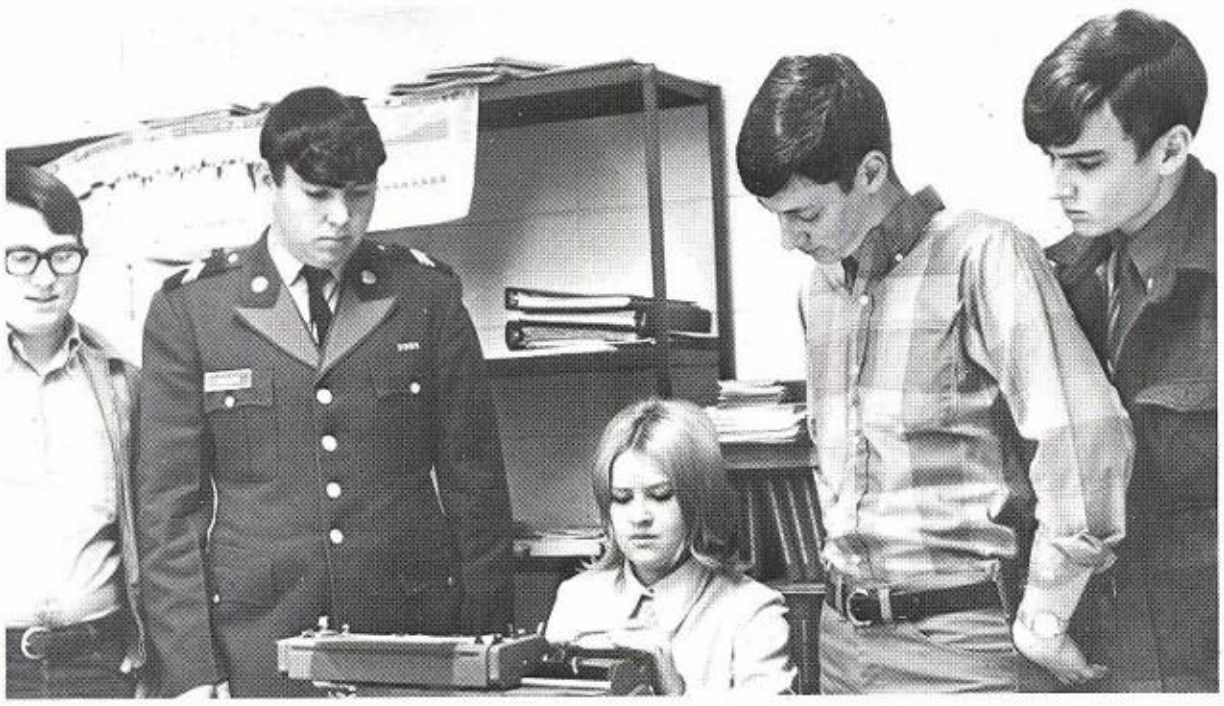
Organized for the purpose of instruction, the club provides a challenge to those interested in the country of France. Seeking to learn about the customs, language, traditions, and society of the European country, the French Club also unites students with a common interest. Although the educational aspect of the club is important, the members excel in a service image as well.

Recruiting toys for Boyland of Arkansas was a project undertaken in a festive yuletide spirit by the energetic club. Members displayed enthusiasm for their enterprises as well as in their entertainment.

Offering leadership capabilities to the organization are Cindy Neal, president; Randall Henley, vice president; Linda Hopkins, reporter; and Lynn Kennedy and Kay Williams, secretary and treasurer.

CINDY NEAL, FRENCH Club president, uses French department's earphones in the preparation of her French assignment for the following day.

Deca Holds Banquet, Nets $40,000



PART-TIME JOBBERS in Deca attentively watch Connie Barnes as she types out information on job reports.

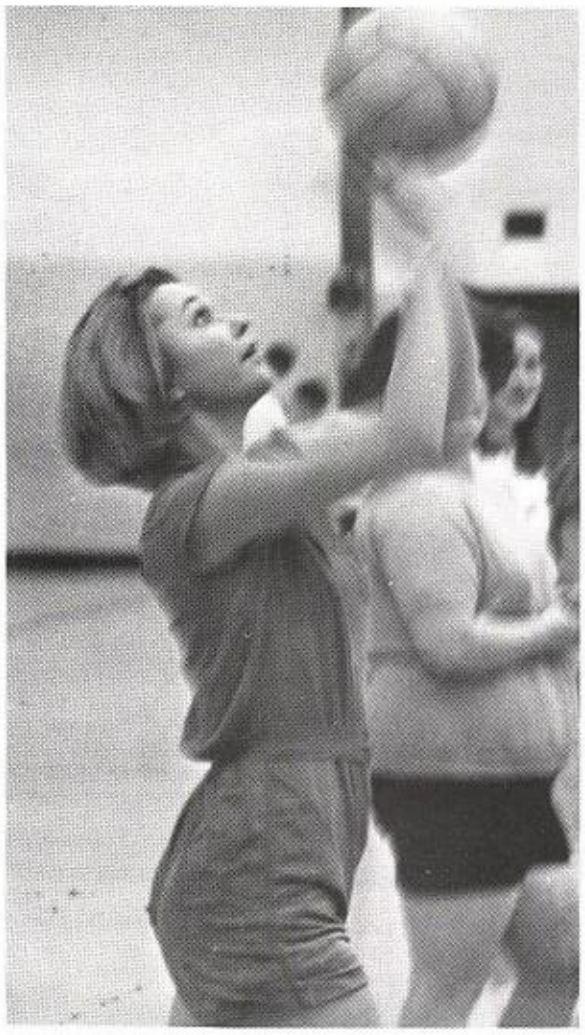
Deca, besides promoting leadership, has been active in school and out. Early in the year, members attended a District Leadership conference at Fayetteville. They later attended the state conference at Little Rock in March.

Several money-raising projects were sponsored by Deca throughout the year. Among these were a raffle for a stereo and the selling of make-up kits. Student Council combined with Deca to sponsor the Christmas Dance.

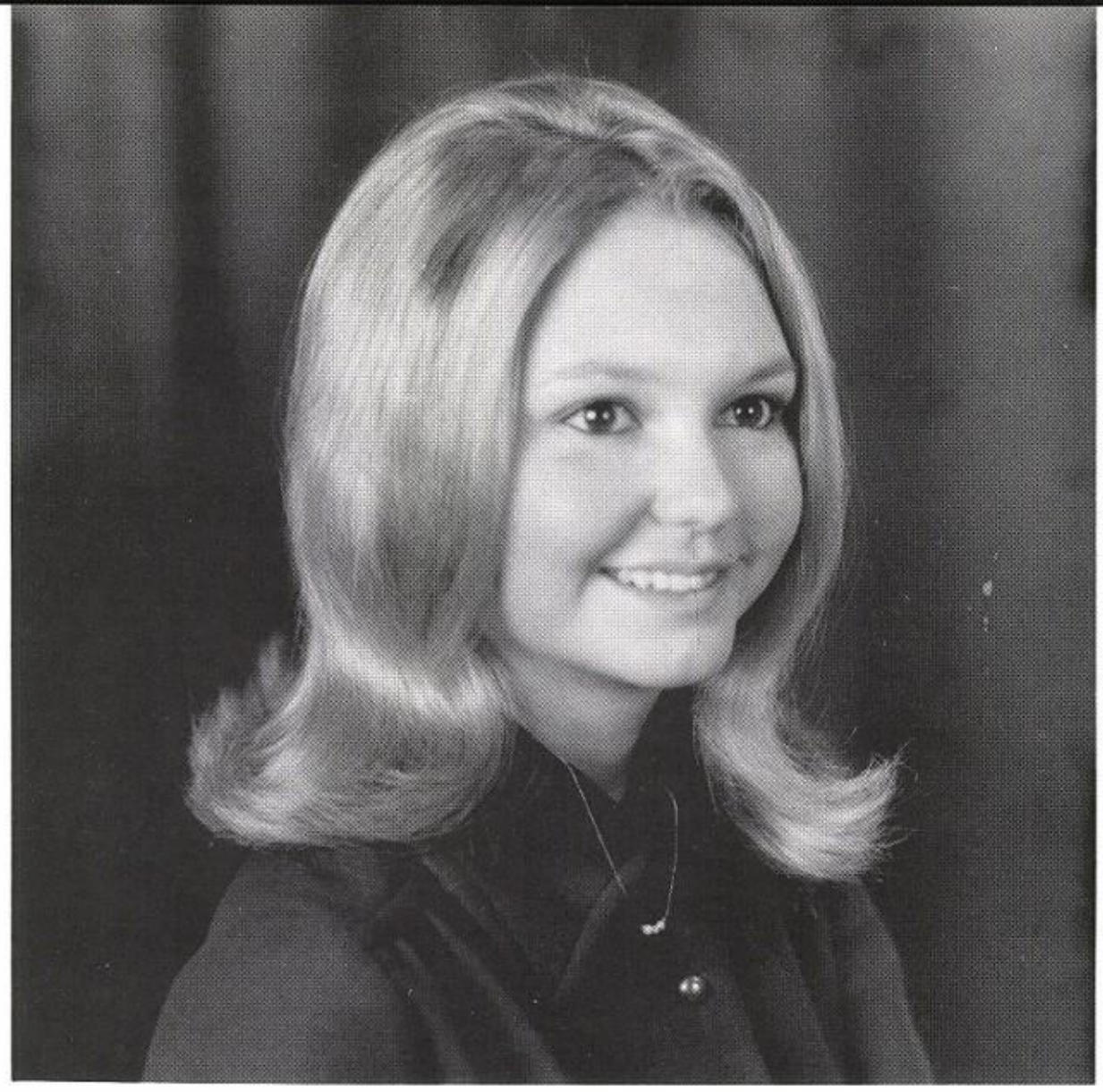
This organization had parties and outings including a cook-out at Lake Lou Emma and a spring get-together, directed by Mr. Paul DuVall, sponsor.

Students earned more than $40,000 this year under the leadership of Dennis Neidecker; Ardy Morton, vice president; Carlene Hayes, secretary; Liz England, treasurer; Harold McIlvain, Sgt. At Arms; Everett Hogan, reporter.

ROW 1: Gary Bolin, James Osborne, Ann Kelley, Carlene Hayes, Dennis Neidecker, Elizabeth England, Connie Barnes, Roy Tittle, Mr. Paul DuVall sponsor. ROW 2: Jimmie Wilson, Gary Landers, Terry Odom, Gary Bryant, Gary Smith, Mike Mondier, Gary Dipboye, Larry Kaylor, Dickie Bell, Stewart Neidecker. ROW 3: Charles Boster, Kenny Mathews, Harold McIlvain, Dennis Gilstrap, Everett Hogan, Larry Gorden, Larry Breeden, Tommy Hays, Buddy Fisher. ROW 4: Noel Williams, Burnell Oliver, Lewis Sneed, Glenn Sweeden, Charles Anderson, Billy Hawkins, Larry Ames.

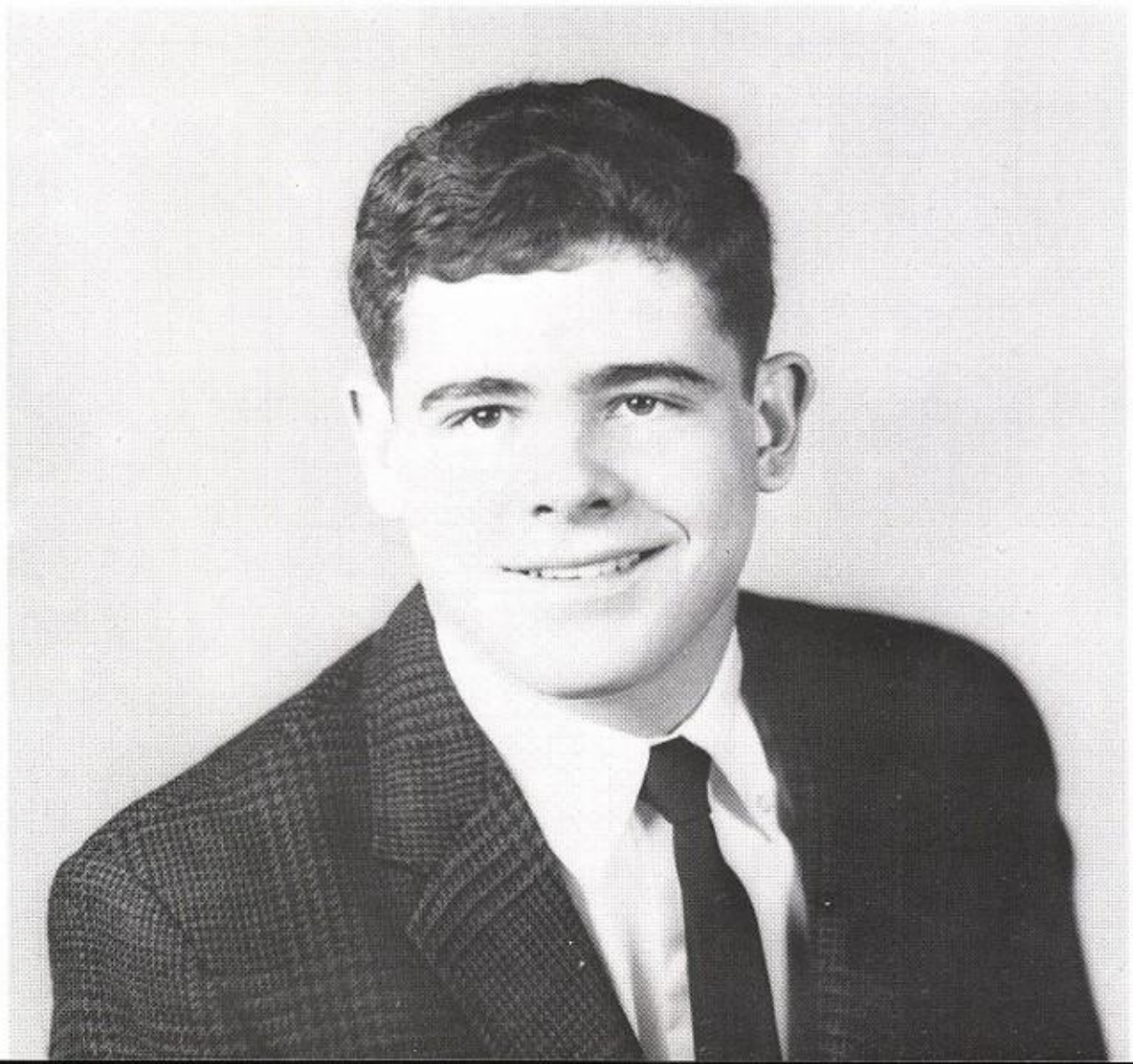


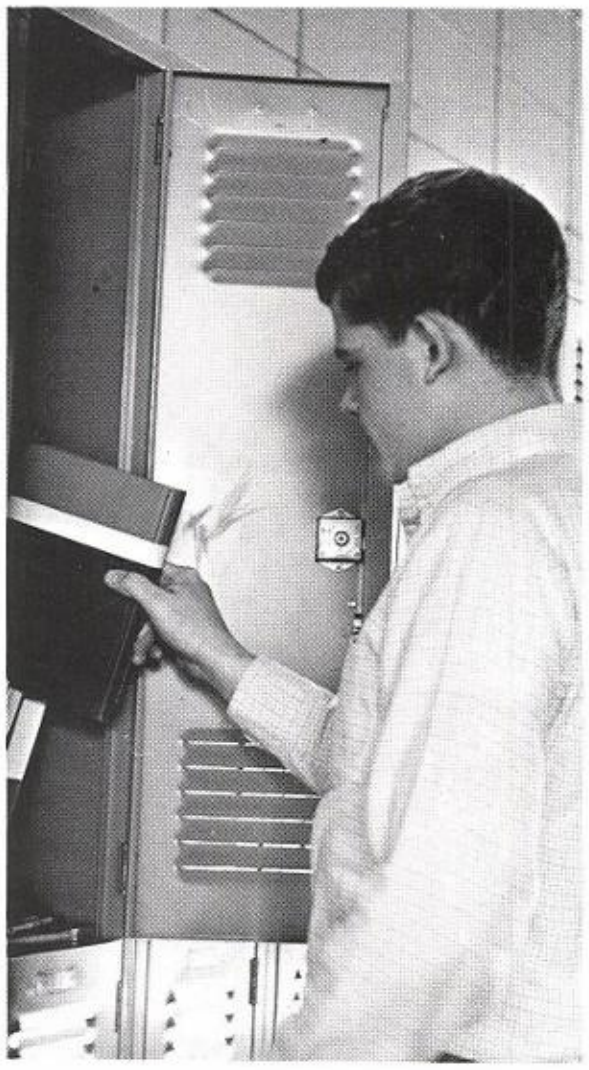
WITH CONCENTRATED effort Carlene Hayes, senior, attempts to make a goal in a P.E. basketball game.



DECA Sweetheart, Carlene Hayes

FHA Beau, Jack Selby





A LOCKER IS important when it comes to getting rid of books, as Senior Jack Selby discovers.

FHA ROW 1: Pam Kenny, Pam Sargent, Jackie Cameron, Linda Riley, Cathy Brasuell, Nancy Staab, Debbie Garrett, Terri Quinette, Jeannie McClellan, Jeannie Pullan, Libby Manuel, Donna Lindburg, Dorothy Steed, Carole Peters, Judy Tanner. ROW 2: Irene Caveness, Natalie Flanery, Eva Reed, Patricia Hyatt, Delores Bowen, Diane Faucher, Debbie Bell, Paula Brown, Carolyn Moore, Janice Drum, Deborah Carter, Ann Crabtree, Susan Adams, Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, sponsor. ROW 3: Patty Daily, Lola Boen, Adel Barr, Debbie Williams, Kathy Cameron, Phyllis Beckham, Yketa Travis, Chris Mauldin, Cheryl Drumm, Carol Maynard, Karen Montgomery, Pam Griffis, Norma Trentham, Debbie Smith. ROW 4: Paula Atkins, Alice Coble, Pat Helms, Sandy Parks, Rhonda Stevens, Sally Neidecker, Barbara Jones, Letha Brewer, Leslie Fisher, Mary Bass, Barbara Loyd, Carol Parks, Marcia Hogan, Rita English, Mary Keeton.

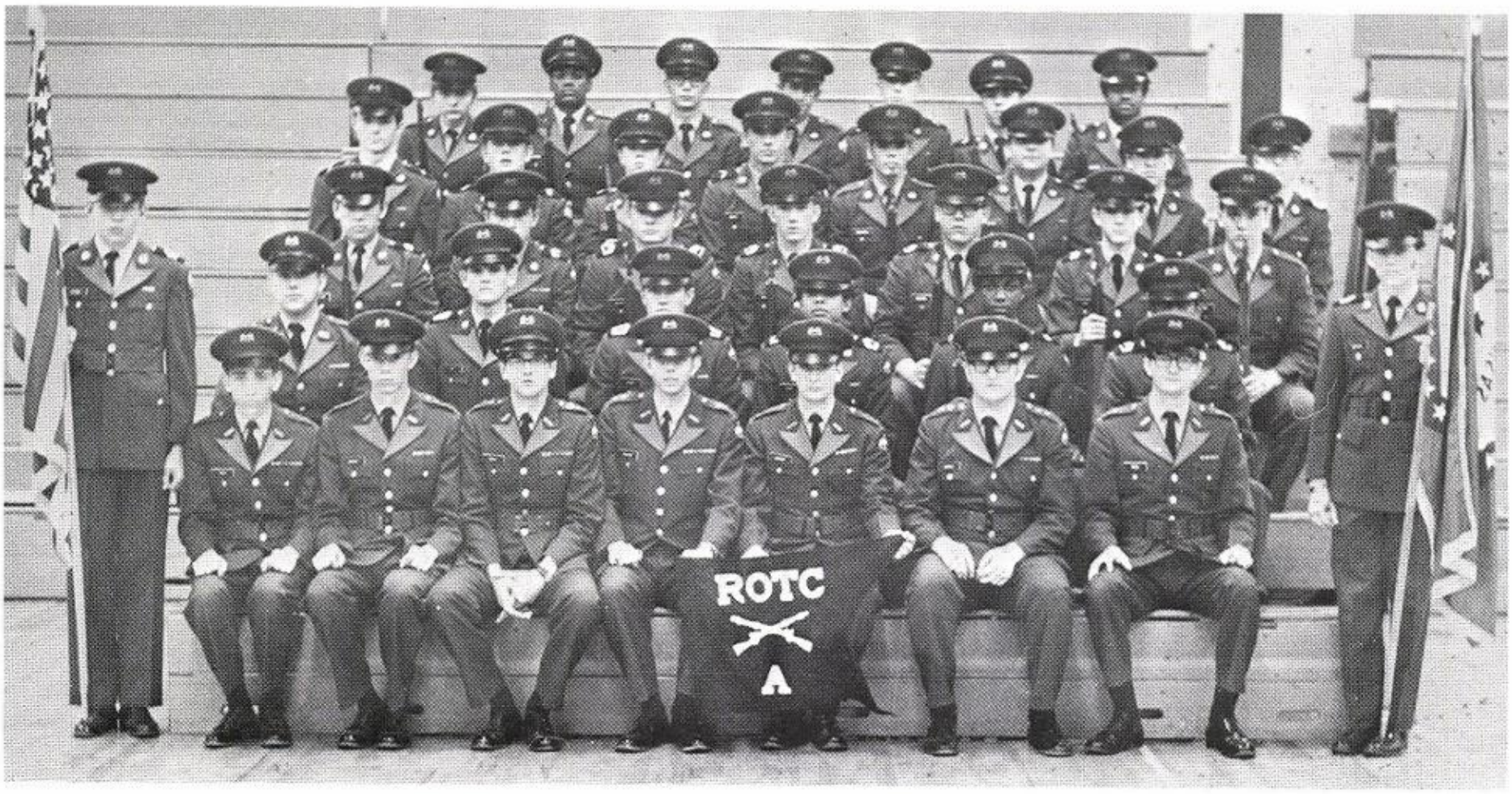
Future Homemakers Work, Contribute

A Tupperware Party proved to be the most successful and profitable project that Future Homemakers of America undertook this year. The organization netted some 600 dollars from the party for new materials and better appliances for the Home-Economics room.

In March FHA officers and senior members traveled to Little Rock for a state meeting of FHA'ers held at Barton Colliseum. There the girls saw demonstrations and heard speeches about how to better their FHA program and also how to improve their skills in homemaking.

Leading this successful group was Nancy Staab, president; Vicki Hall, vice president; Norma Trentham, secretary; and Cathy Brasuell, treasurer. Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, Home Economics teacher, serves the group as sponsor.

FHA MEMBERS LISTEN attentively in a group discussion supervised by Mrs. Carolyn Johnson, sponsor.



Members of Company A ROTC–(First row) Kenneth Yakley, John Shelley, Randall Henley, Douglas Gautier, David Bernard, Gary Maxwell, Tony Reed, (Second row) Kenneth Floyd, Terry Ivy, Ronnie Blount, Burnell Oliver, Emmett Collier, Noel Williams, (Third row) Harold McIlvain, William Boen, Gary Maynard, Jimmy Reed, David Boster, Kenneth Trent, Tommy Ames (Fourth row) Steve Medlock, Steve Perkins, Larry Milner, Lynn Healy, Randy McDaniels, Carl Jacobs, Jimmy Green, Dennis Gryner, (Fifth row) William Burcham, Kenneth Jordan, Clifford Nelson, Troy Dodson, Ricky Campbell, William Johnson, Mike Norward.

Color Guard Performs for Second Year

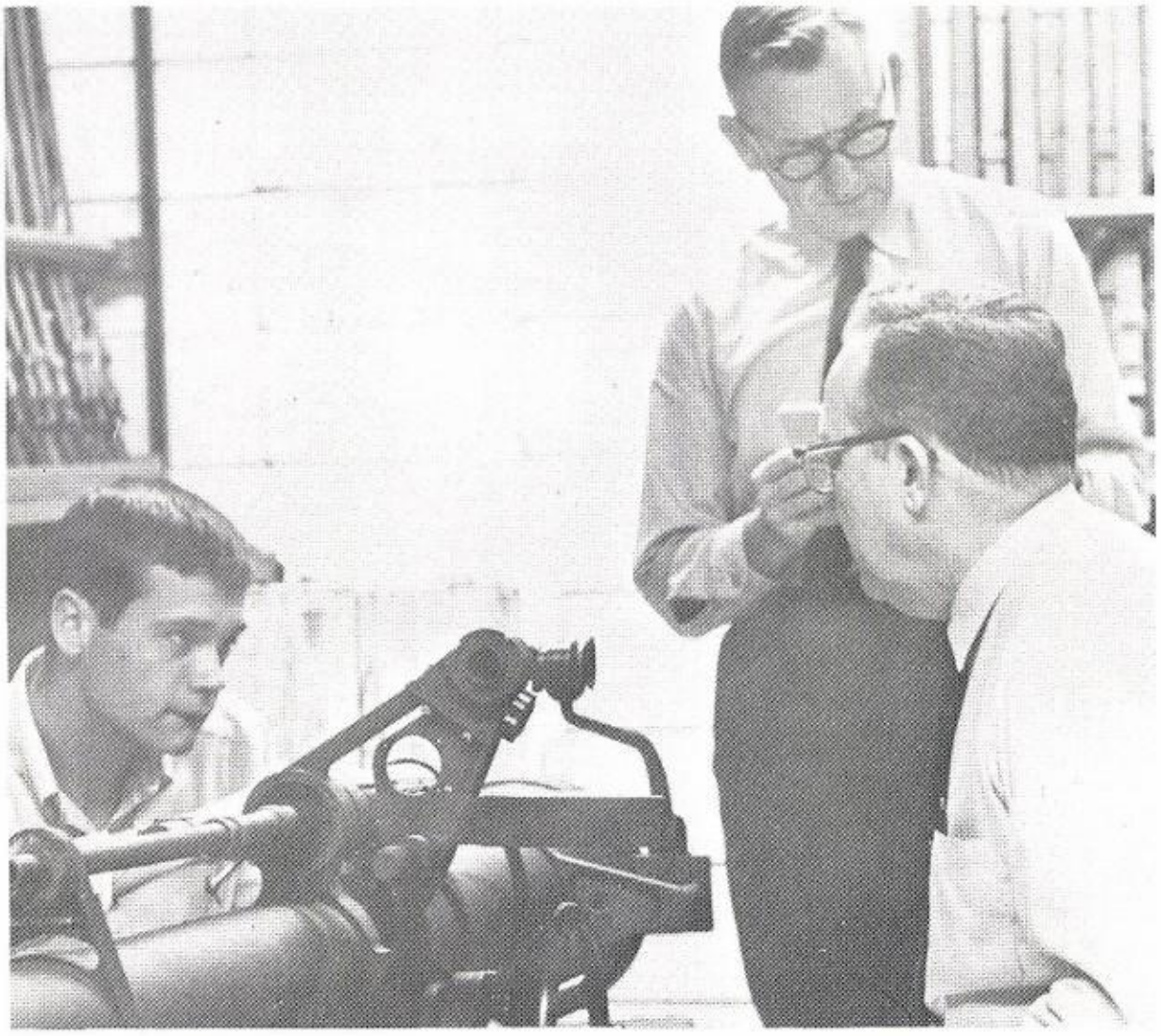
Preparing them for the future, the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp, under the direction of Colonel Walter Burk and Sergeant Major A. L. Johnston, instructs its participants in military procedure.

Neatness is a trait stressed and admired as the corpsmen are regularly inspected and graded on their well groomed appearance. Encouraging its members to excel academically and participate in school activities, the corp awards those gaining scholastic recognition.

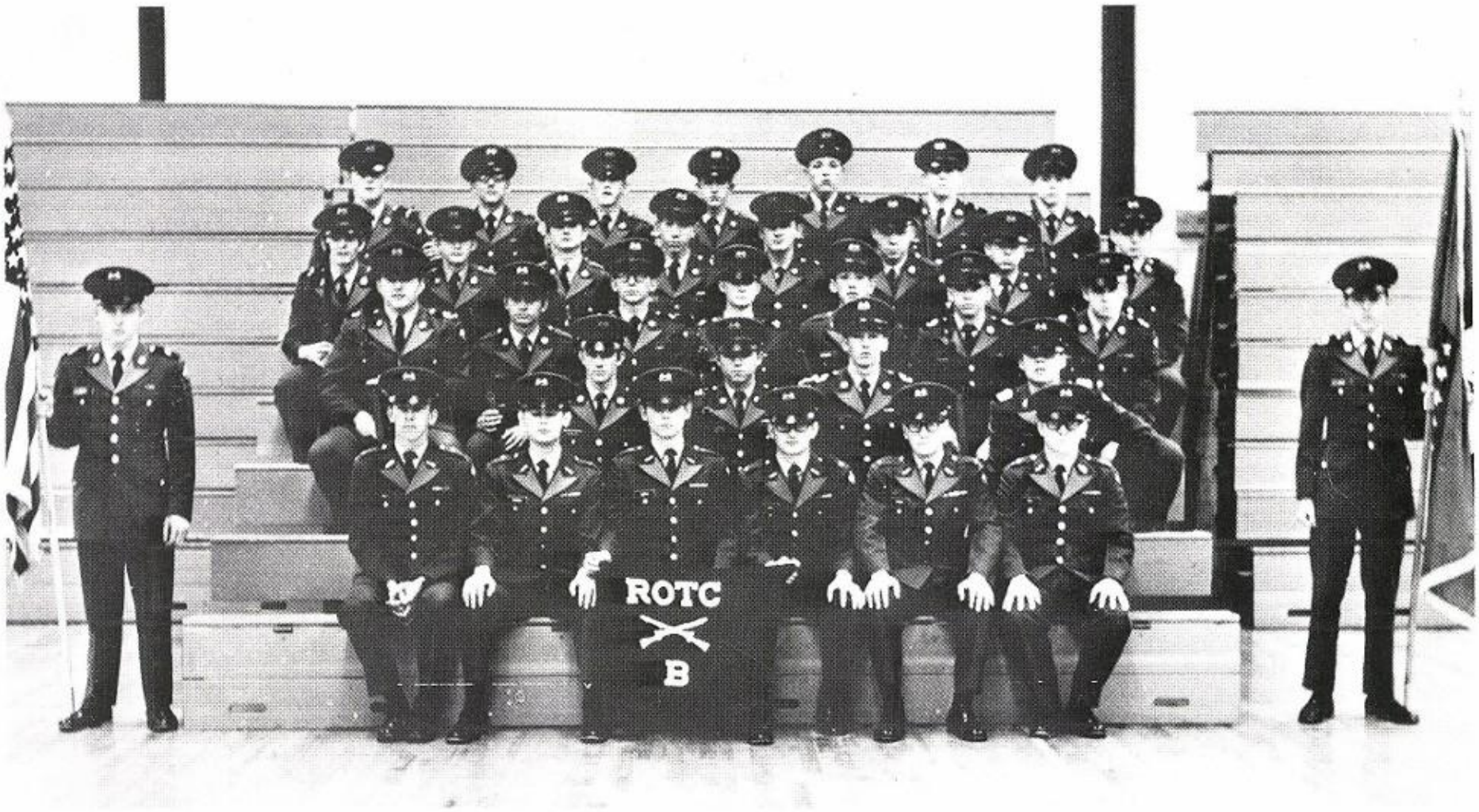
Presenting the flags of Arkansas and the United States at athletic events and assemblies is a service performed by a specially selected color guard of the unit.

LEARNING TO CLEAN and oil guns properly is only part of Ricky Newton's ROTC training.

SENIOR JOHN SHELLY demonstrates the importance of careful storing of firearms.



SENIOR RALPH BALL discusses the mechanisms of the 50 caliber machine gun with his instructors, Colonel Burk and Sergeant Major Johnston.



Company B. (Front Row) Larry Hallman, Roger Marley, Richard Thomas, Olin Smith, Gary Bowen, Ricky Newton, Robert Wood, Granville Jones. (Second Row) Lonnie Richesin, Dennie Wilkins, Eddie Newton, Brian Evans. (Third Row) Kenneth Cox, Bobby Bentley, George Smith, Jerry Sutton, Bill Woodard, Keith Ainsworth, James Gibbs. (Fourth Row) Paul Lacey, James Moore, Terry Sindle, Paul Bruce, Terry Tindle, Jimmy Joslin, Kenneth Maroney, Johnny Moore. (Fifth Row) Larry Wiley, Charles Bolling, Donald Riley, Jacky Richesin, Archie Reynolds, Rick Taylor, Ronnie Dodson.

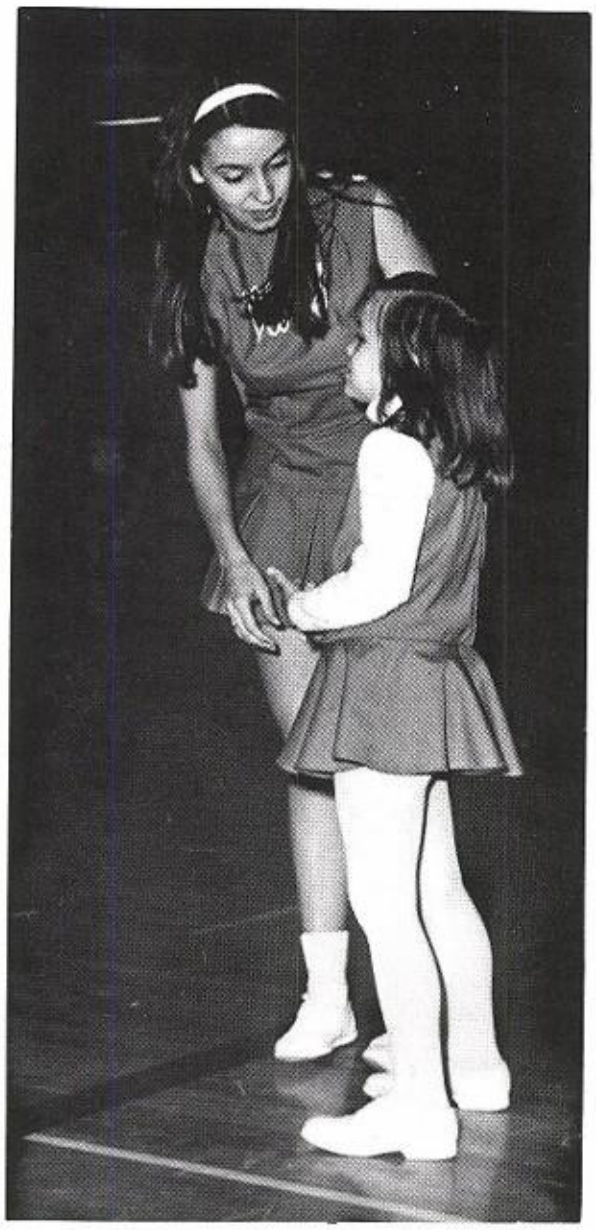
Sponsors Represent ROTC Companies

Lt. Col. Norma Trentham
A, B Companies

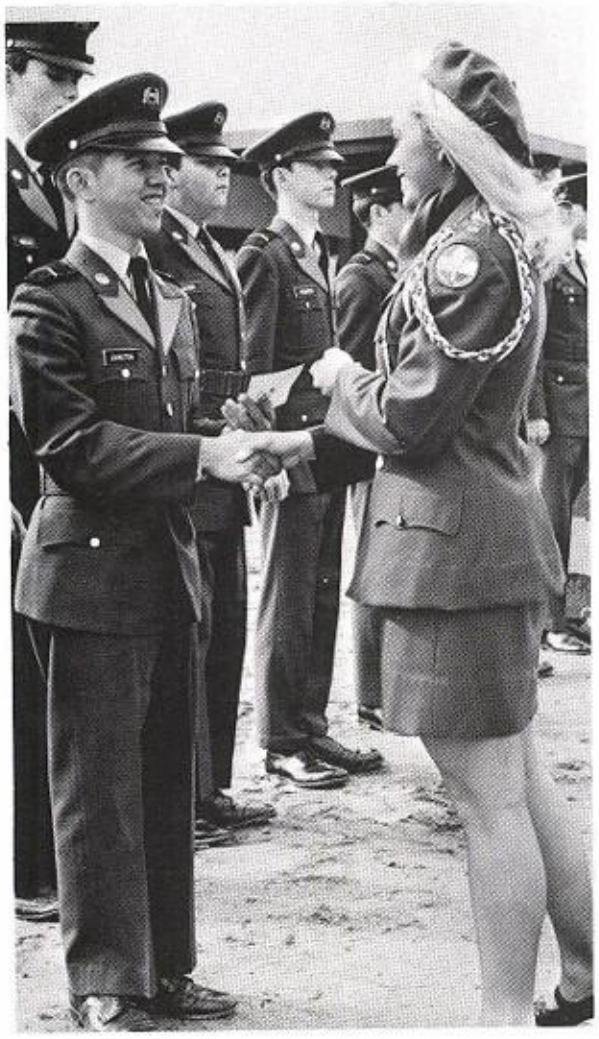
In its second year at Van Buren, ROTC carried out the annual election of company sponsors. Elected Captain of A Company was Linda Hopkins. Captain Mona Hopkins was named B Company sponsor. Over both companies, Norma Trentham held the position of Lieutenant Colonel.

These girls represented the ROTC program and wore the female equivalent of the ROTC uniform. They participated in the Van Buren Christmas parade by drilling with ROTC members. Each captain marched with her company and company commander. Norma led the procession along with Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Ball.

A new addition to the uniforms were green and white shoulder ropes to signify their positions as sponsors. Kelly green berets with ROTC emblems were used instead of regular military hats.



ABOVE: CHEERLEADER mascot Robbie Bell discusses strategy with Norma Trentham, head cheerleader. LEFT: Norma inspects this obtrusive weapon, a 50 caliber machine gun.



CADET SPONSOR, Linda Hopkins, presents honor award to Buddy Johnston.

Captain Linda Hopkins - A Company

Captain Mona Hopkins - B Company

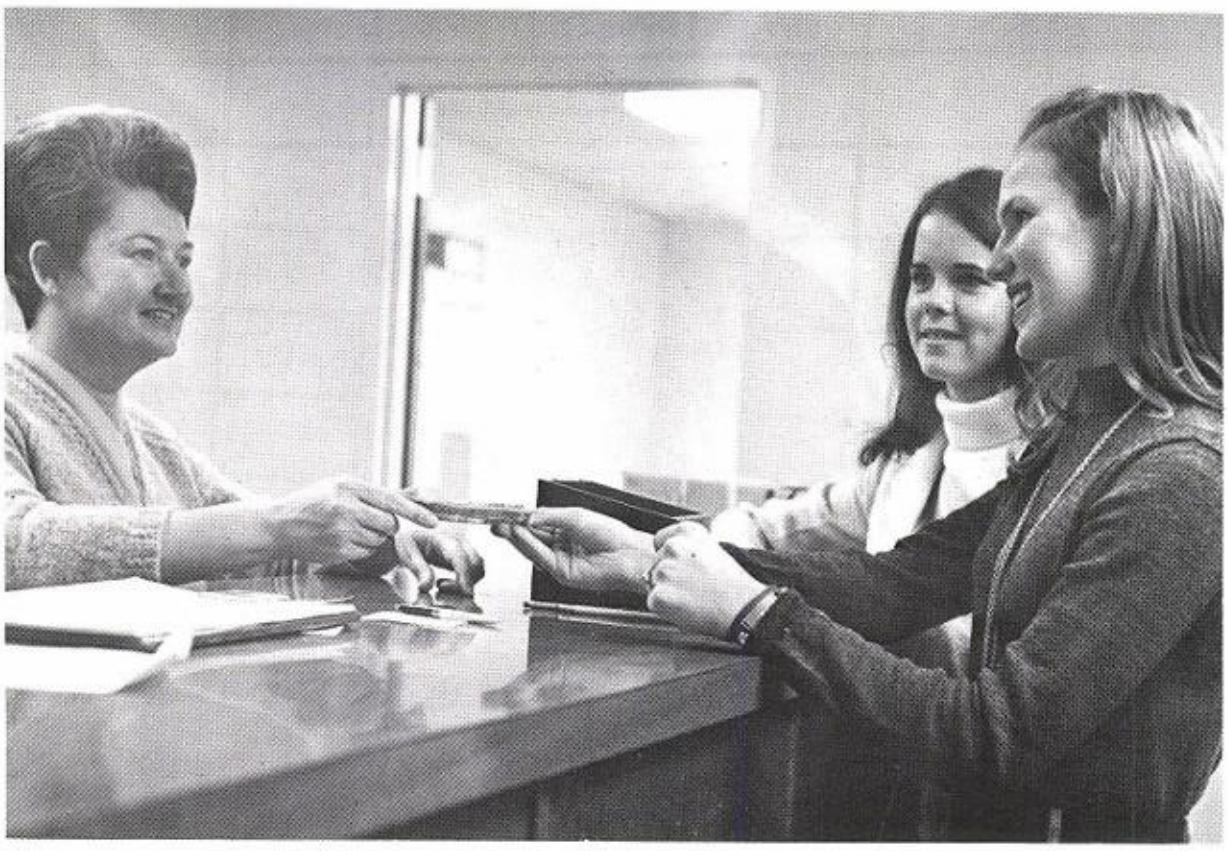
MONA HOPKINS COMPLETES A French assignment with the assistance of earphones located in French class.

Interact Attracts 50 Energetic Members

Initiating its first year as an organization at VBHS, the Interact club includes almost fifty members involved in service projects for school and community.

Sponsored by Rotary International, Interact is a co-educational, service club. Aiding others through their talents, time and effort is a demanding responsibility, as many soon found out. Living up to its image as a service organization, Interact members, depending on youthful energy and stamina, gave their fair share as they joined the community in an annual drive to collect money for the United Fund Campaign.

The newly formed organization received its charter and under the leadership of Ralph Ball, president, elected as its officers Fred Williams, vice-president; Yolanda Faldon, secretary; and Jean Neal, treasurer.



PAYING THE ANNUAL membership fees to Mrs. Rheba Henley are Interact members Kathy Newton and Marilyn Hays.

INTERACT CLUB ROW 1: Alice Stevenson, Janet Bushong, Donna Kirkpatrick, Lynn Kennedy, Sue England, Barbra Wilson, Mona Hopkins, Janie Stevenson, Sally Servold, Norma Trentham. ROW 2: Melissa Cobb, Debbie Rogers, Jean Neal, Renee McKnight, Betsy Hall, Yolanda Faldon, Barbara Jones, Lee Batchelor, Julia Gardner, Cindy Neal. ROW 3: Randy Hubbs, Mike Parks, Steve Perkins, Wally Hays, David Neal, David McVay, Fred Wells, Gary Moon, Paula Wood, Kathy Newton, Susan Shibley, Brenda Walters. ROW 4: Jack Servold, Ralph Ball, Fred Williams, Robert Dean, Mike Jones, Brad Ball, Bill Lansdall, Ken Creekmore, Nelson Ballard, Brian Evans, Olin Smith, Richard Coombes.

MU ALPHA THETA: Row 1: Mr. Ralph Hughes, sponsor, Larry Scott, Linda Hopkins, Cindi Neal, Betsy Hall, Mary Reed, Letha Brewer, Francis Allen. Row 2: Sean O'Brian, Kenneth Yakley, Charles Peer, Kenny Thompson, Mike Thompson, Penny Atkinson, Debbie Warren, Karen Montgomery. Row 3: David Barnard, William Boen, Ricky Hall, Ken Creekmore, Gary Moon, Richard Daily.

CHARLES PEER TAKES the spotlight as he does an imitation of Mr. Faught.

Mu Alpha Theta Honors Math Scholars

DAVID VANDERGRIFF, PORTRAYING Mr. Venable in a Mu Alpha Theta program, aims piercing glances toward Kerry Hubbs as Hubbs makes his getaway.

Outstanding students are recognized for their achievement in the field of math by membership in Mu Alpha Theta.

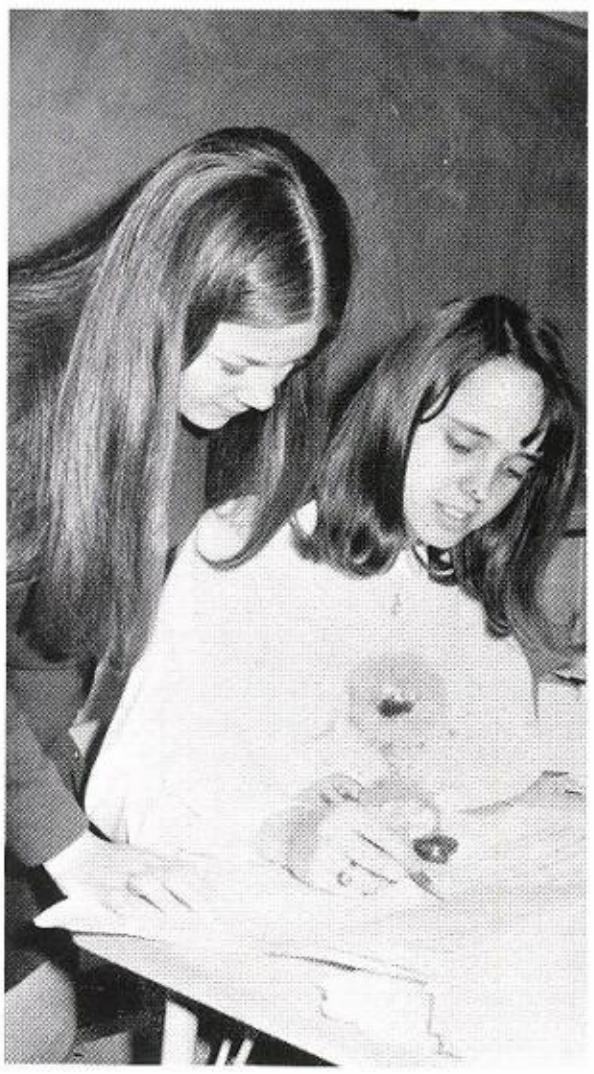
This organization is a branch of the National High School and Junior College Mathematics Club and has been established in our school system for a number of years. A very enthusiastic sponsor is Mr. Ralph Hughes.

Any student having taken Algebra II and holding a B average in all subjects for their Junior or Senior year is eligible for membership, providing a B average has been maintained throughout all of their high school math courses.

Besides promoting interest and understanding in math for all students, Mu Alpha Theta sponsors the Teachers' Honor Assembly which is acknowledged as one of our school's most entertaining assembly programs. This assembly is also a money making project that has proven a huge success financially.

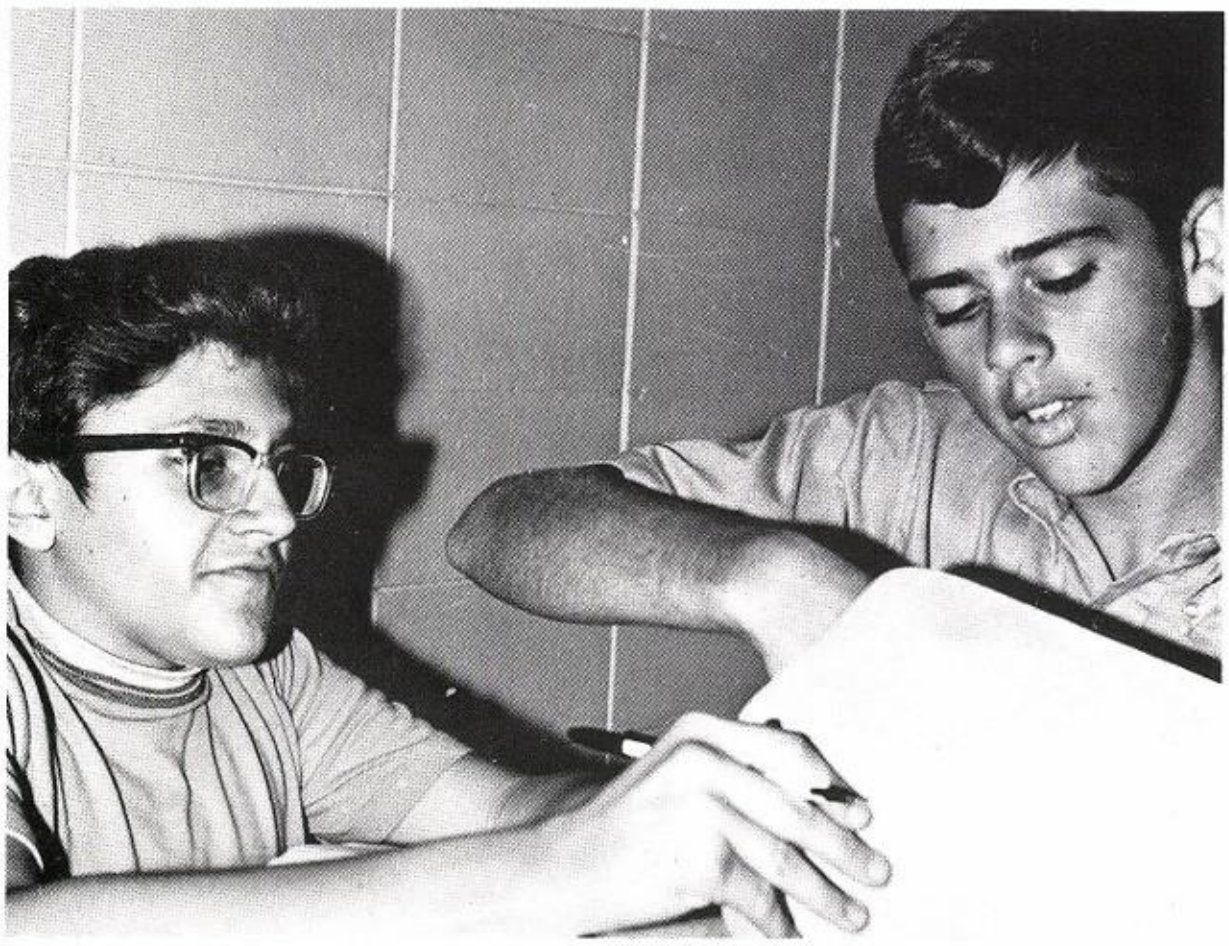
Another money-making project of the chapter is a television raffle. This also has proven to be a financial success.

RESULTS CAN BE rewarding as Glinda Woodard, editor of the POINTER TRAIL looks over various articles with page editors Emma Jones (left) and Phyllis Ragge (right).



MARCIA WOODS, POINTER editor, and Melissa Cobb make final check on yearbook pages before sending them to the publishing company.

Journalists Publish Directory, Magazine



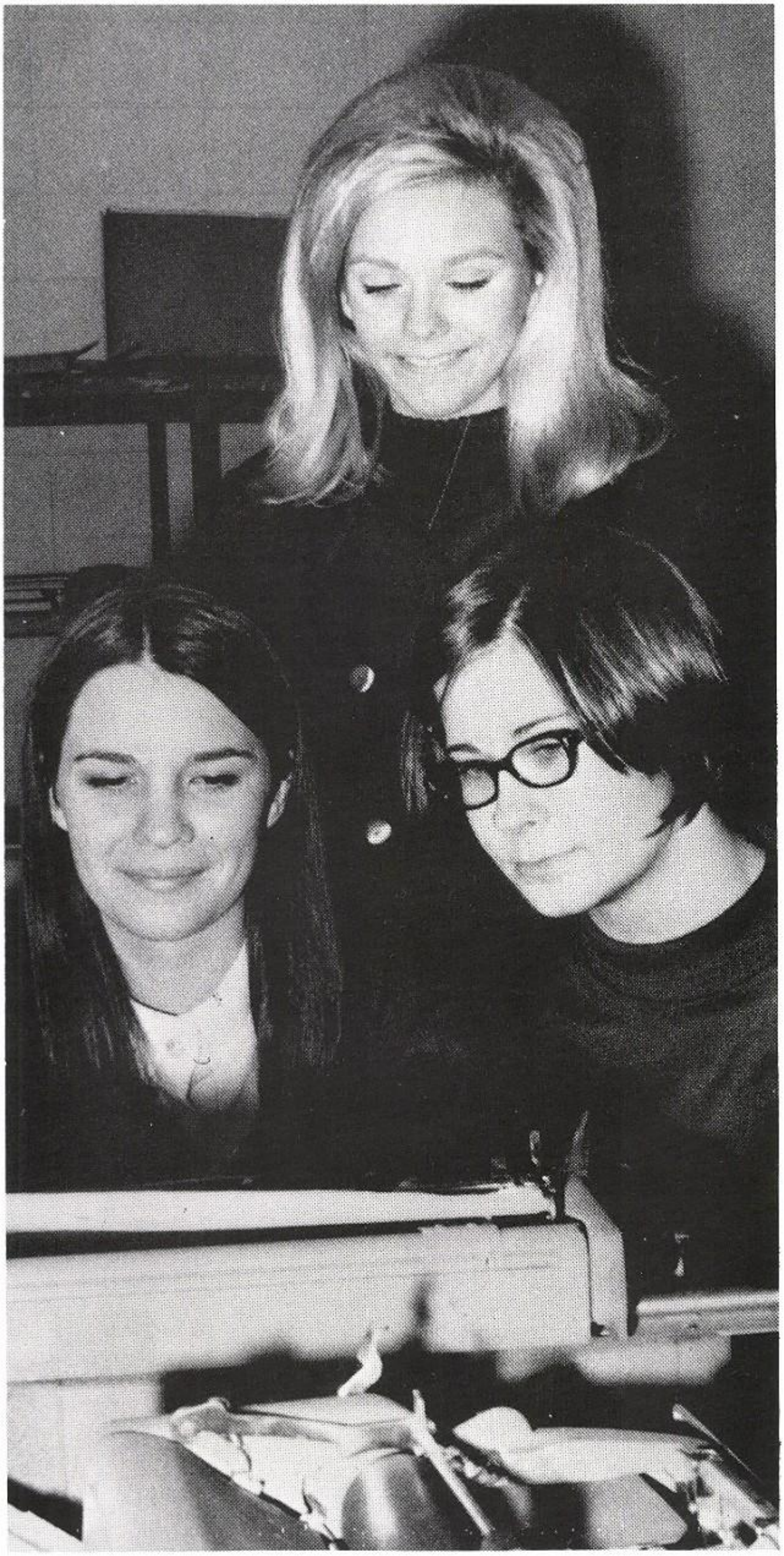
WORKING ALMOST WITHOUT end to meet deadlines and to gather news accurately, sports editors Steve McCleary and Darrell Shook report all Pointer activity during the year.

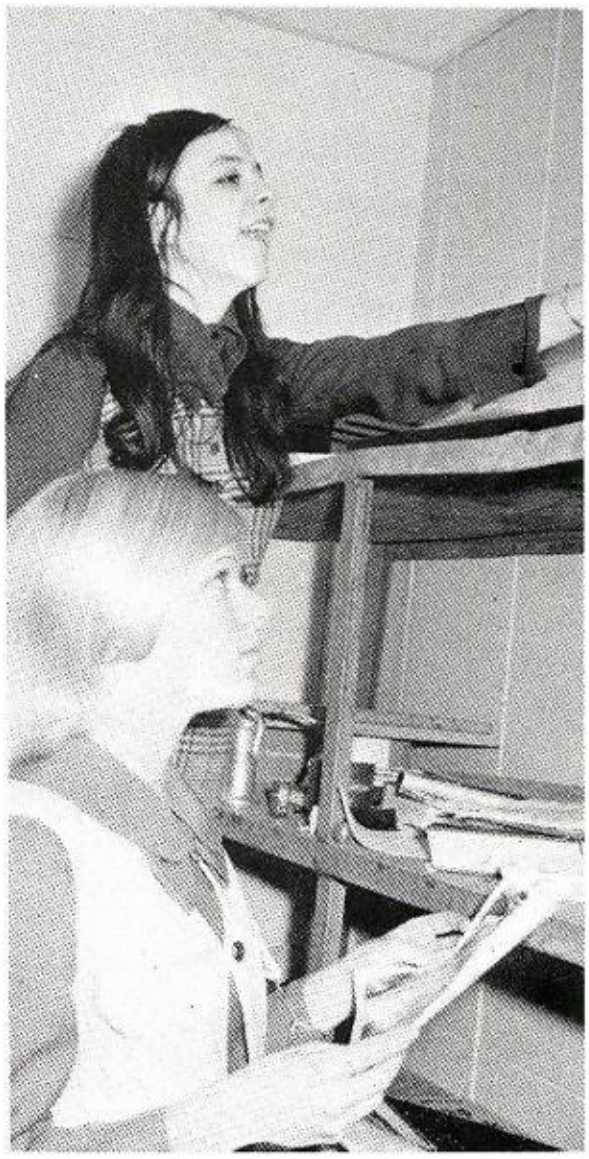
Striving to inform the community as well as the students of school events, the staff produced a newspaper, yearbook, student directory, and literary magazine.

Since its first edition in 1919, the POINTER TRAIL has been constantly changing. With 1969-70 as no exception, the school-oriented paper benefits its readers in many ways. Editorials and features concern students and school activities, not celebrities and politicians. A prime example of this was the series conducted on dropouts last winter.

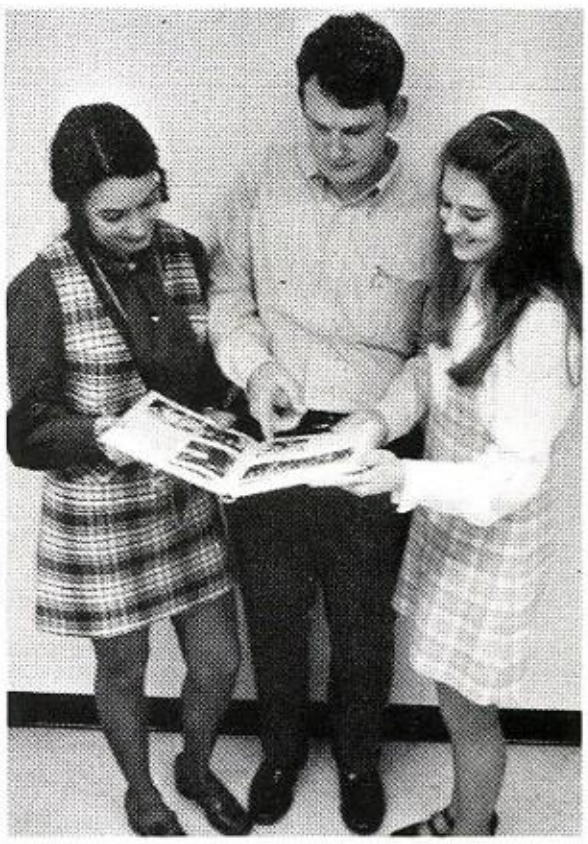
With last year marking the POINTER'S golden anniversary, the 1970 staff began a new decade by selecting a contemporary theme, modern layout and a new staff. Because of the influence the motion picture industry has in America, especially on teenagers, it was a "natural" as a theme.

A banquet, held in February, was climaxed with a tour of the KFSA-TV station and the Southwest American Newspaper Company.

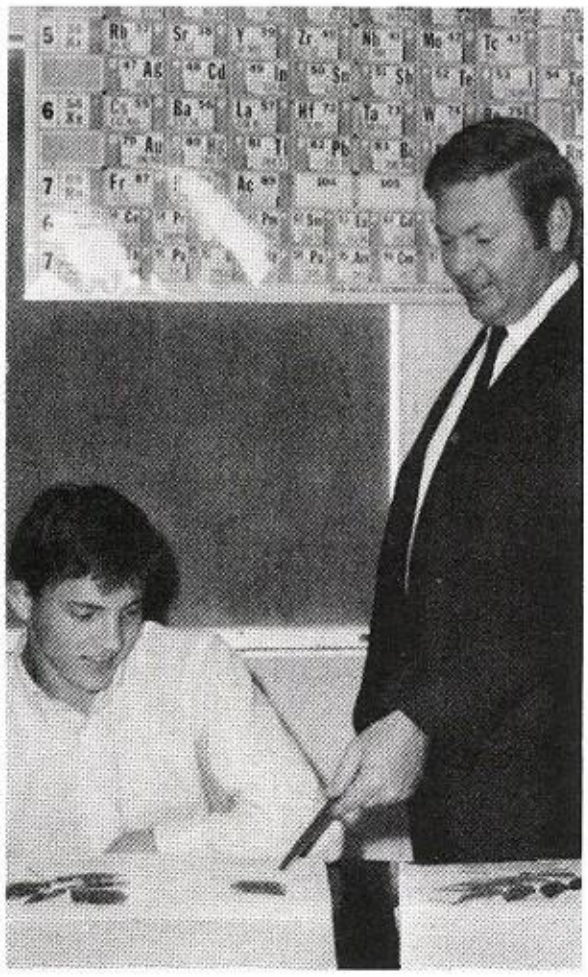




AS DEBBIE LOVEGROVE, business manager, reaches for an advertising booklet, Debbie Polk assists from a ground-floor level.



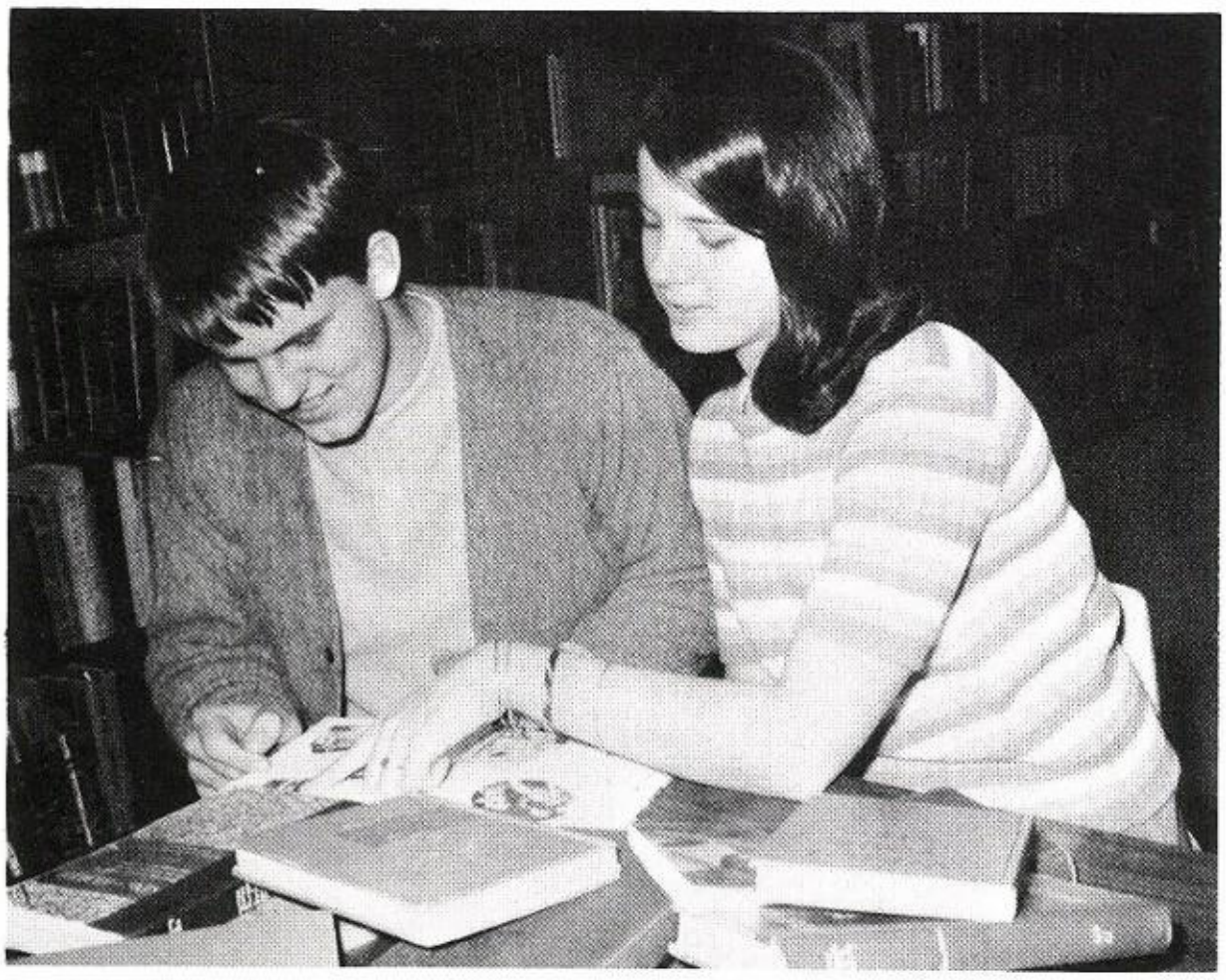
(ABOVE) STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER, Richard Daily, shows Debbie Rogers and Norma Trentham an effective yearbook layout. (At left) Brenda Cluck works on the endless typing of copy as Linda Hopkins and Joyce Foley offer assistance.



BOTANY, AMONG OTHER interesting subjects, is studied by the newly formed Science Club. Mr. Venable, advisor, shows president Jack Servold several leaf specimens.

SCIENCE CLUB: ROW 1: Mr. Bill Venable, sponsor; Melissa Cobb, Susan Holmes, Debbie Evans, Brenda Walters, Ruth Gregory, Kristine Basinger, Francis Allen. ROW 2: Charles Peer, Kenneth Yakley, Jack Servold, Mike Thompson, Olin Smith. ROW 3: David Barnard, Larry Bray, Robert Dean, Richard Daily, Bobby Corbell.

Science Enthusiasts Organize New Club



ROBERT DEAN AND Brenda Walters use the library for Science Club research and study.

This the first year to have a Science Club here.

Under the able sponsorship of Mr. Bill Venable, there is a promising future for this young organization.

The Science Club is open to anyone interested in science and its main purpose is the promotion of interest in all things scientific.

This year the club traveled to the SEFOR Atomic Project located near Fayetteville, Arkansas, as their main activity for the club. In order to raise money for this trip a work day was held in which all science club members donated their services to the citizens of the town who needed work done and would make a financial contribution to the club.

A Ham and Turkey Raffle was conducted before the Christmas Holidays as another money-making project.

Partners in Christ Club in Third Year

Students of all denominations are welcome in the Partners in Christ organization. As a fairly new club at VBHS, it has made a success of its third year. Mr. Homer Cowart, sponsor, works with the members in promoting a more promising Christian life for all students.

The club's purpose, to promote Christian character and leadership, was displayed in a visit to Boy's Ranch at Christmas. Also, the week before Christmas, a "post office" within the school was used as a money-raising project.

A collection for UNICEF was a joint effort of the club and the First United Methodist Church.

"Reach Out", a crusade conducted in the spring, was the result of Partners in Christ from Van Buren and Fort Smith's Northside and Southside. Together a mammoth crusade was presented.

Members attended regular meetings before school once a week in which they discussed their business and had a devotional. Ministers in the area provided their services in giving the devotionals throughout the school year.

PARTNERS IN CHRIST members Patricia Hyatt and Phyllis Primm put up posters concerning "Reach Out." Reach Out is an evangelistic program designed for young people.

Sponsor Reach Out

PARTNERS IN CHRIST: Row 1: Sharon Breeden, Sharon Suggs, Patricia Hyatt, Mary Bently, Ruth Gregory, Debra Yancey, Phyllis Primm. ROW 2: Julia Gardner, Karen Montgomery, Alice Coble, Barbara Jones, Margie Fontaine, Donna Kirkpatrick, Rita English. ROW 3: Pam Griffis, Debbie Swearingen, Charles Watson, Gary Moon, Ricky Jack.

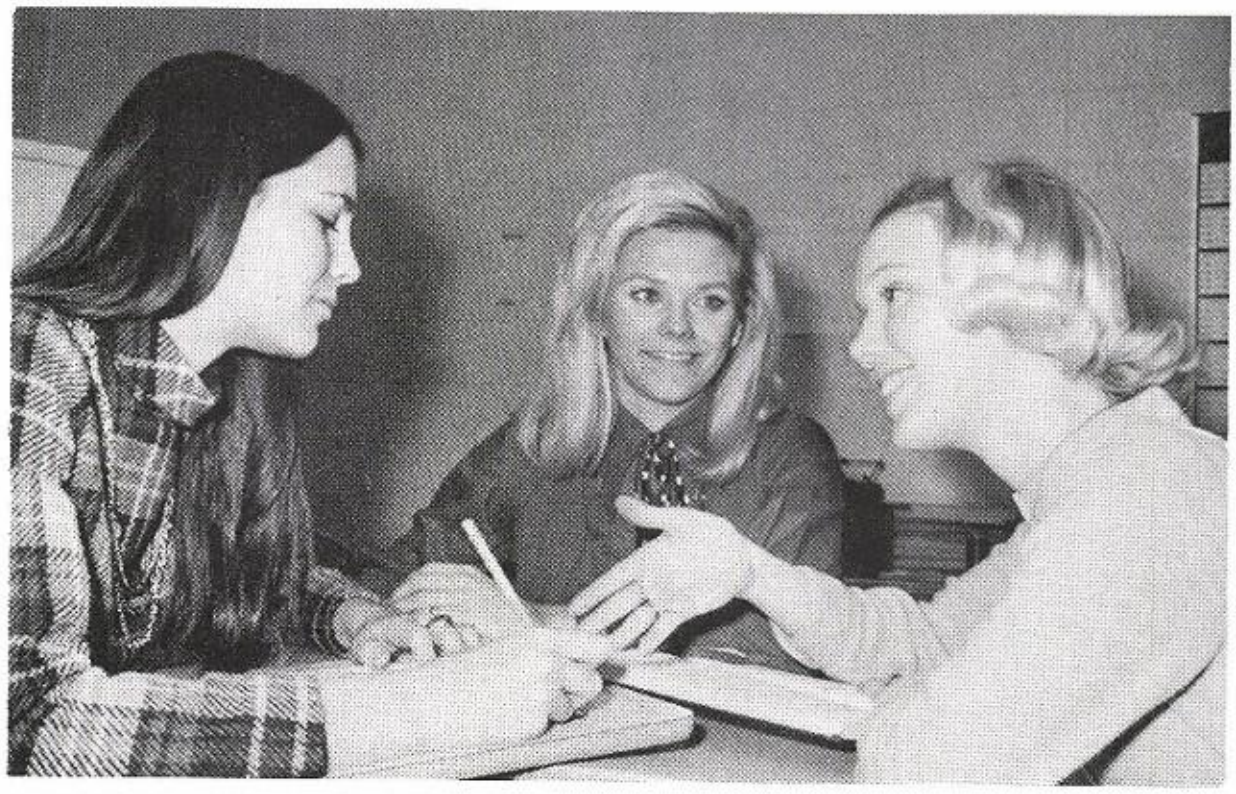
Future Teachers Host Faculty, Aid Poor

Students interested in pursuing careers in the field of education are given encouragement in the Future Teachers of America Club. Sponsors—Mr. John Rotert and Mr. Gordon Yearty—have led various activities of the organization and in themselves set an example for teaching professions.

"White Christmas" was a project involving the entire student body. All were asked to bring any clothing, toys, and food to be distributed among needy families as an act of Christmas giving.

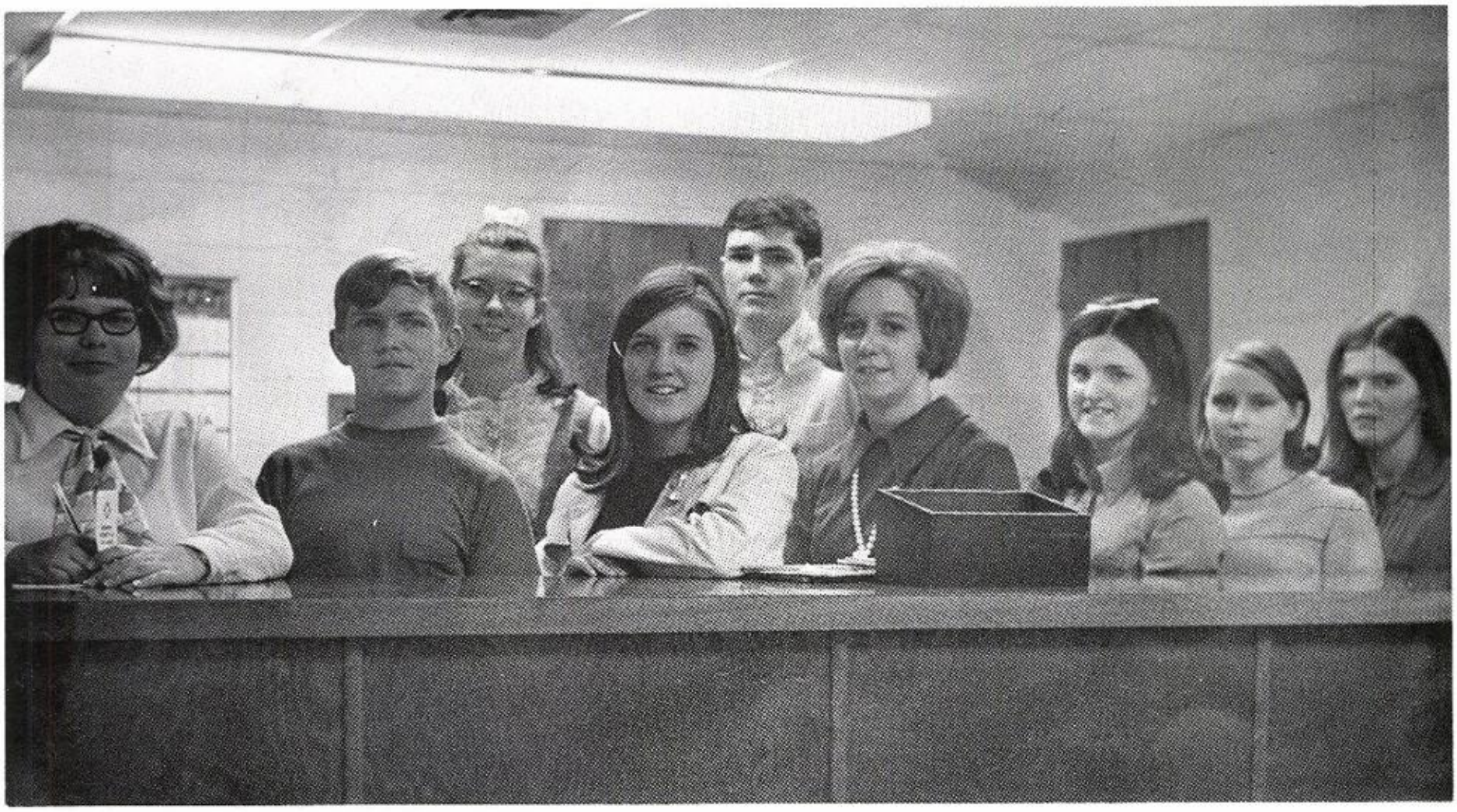
Four officers and one other member of the club attended the State Convention of the Arkansas Education Association in Little Rock.

Valuable experience was obtained by some of the members when they took positions as teachers for one day in local elementary schools. During this same week, particular consideration was given to the faculty on "Teacher Appreciation Day" by a formal coffee.



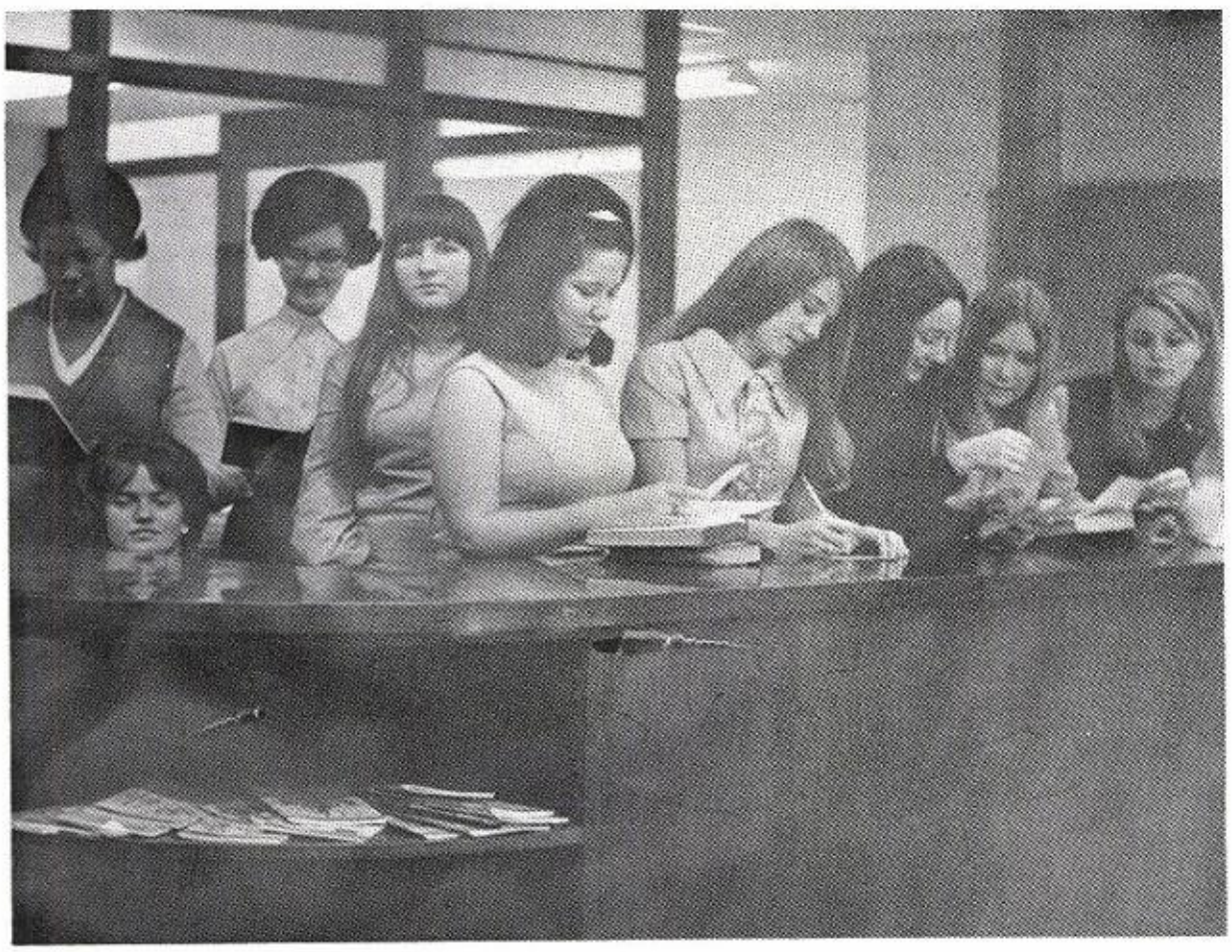
PLANNING TEACHER APPRECIATION day activities is almost a full-year job for Future Teachers president Renee McKnight, right. She compares notes with Linda Hopkins, center, and Brenda Cluck.

FTA: ROW 1: Carlene Hayes, Dianne Faucher, Renee McKnight, Alice Stevenson, Linda Hopkins, Susie Servold, Mr. John Rotert, sponsor. ROW 2: Allen McIlvain, Norma Trentham, Mary Reed, Cindy Neal, Yolanda Falden, Lee Batchelor, Margaret Pugh, Paula Smith, Patty Daily. ROW 3: Susan Holmes, Teresa Reed, Shirley Gregory, Beverly Brown, Shirl Johnson, Joyce Foley, Julia Gardner, Judy McFadden, Kathy Newton, Nancy Rankin. ROW 4: Elaine Watkins, Richard Thomas, Fred Wells, Mike Jones, Marcia Woods, Ricky Hall, Debra Yancey, Marcia Hogan, Connie Walker.

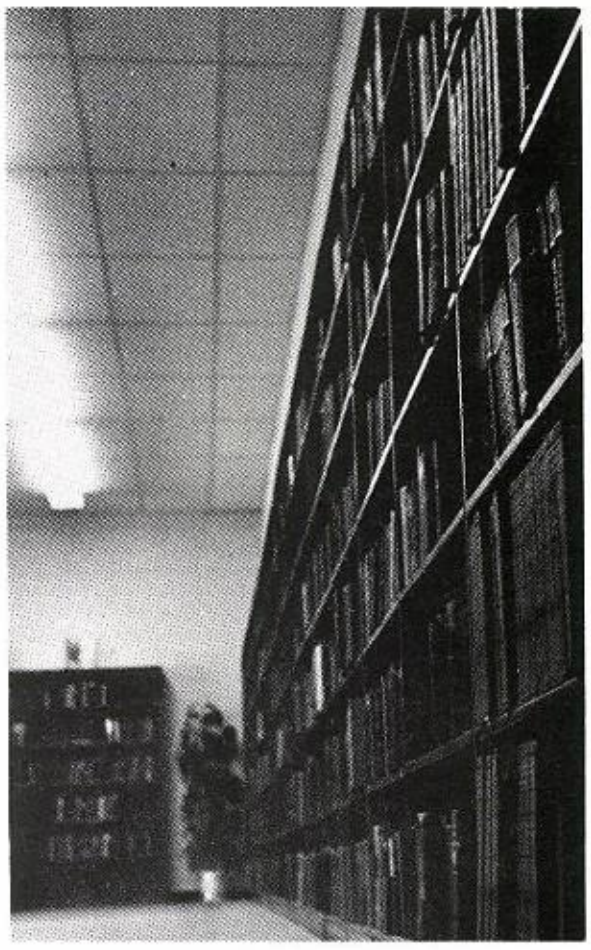


OFFICE WORKERS: (Left to Right) Dessie Yeakley, Allen McIlvain, Barbara Jones, Debbie Estelle, Ricky Hall, Alice Coble, Paula Brown, Susan Adams, Cynthia Symonds.

Help of Office Girls, Librarians Essential



LIBRARY WORKERS: (Left to Right) Adelle Barr, Mary Bentley, Debbie Evans, Donna House, Marilyn Wall, Debbie Rogers, Jeanne Neal, Wanda Huff, Charlotte Cheek.



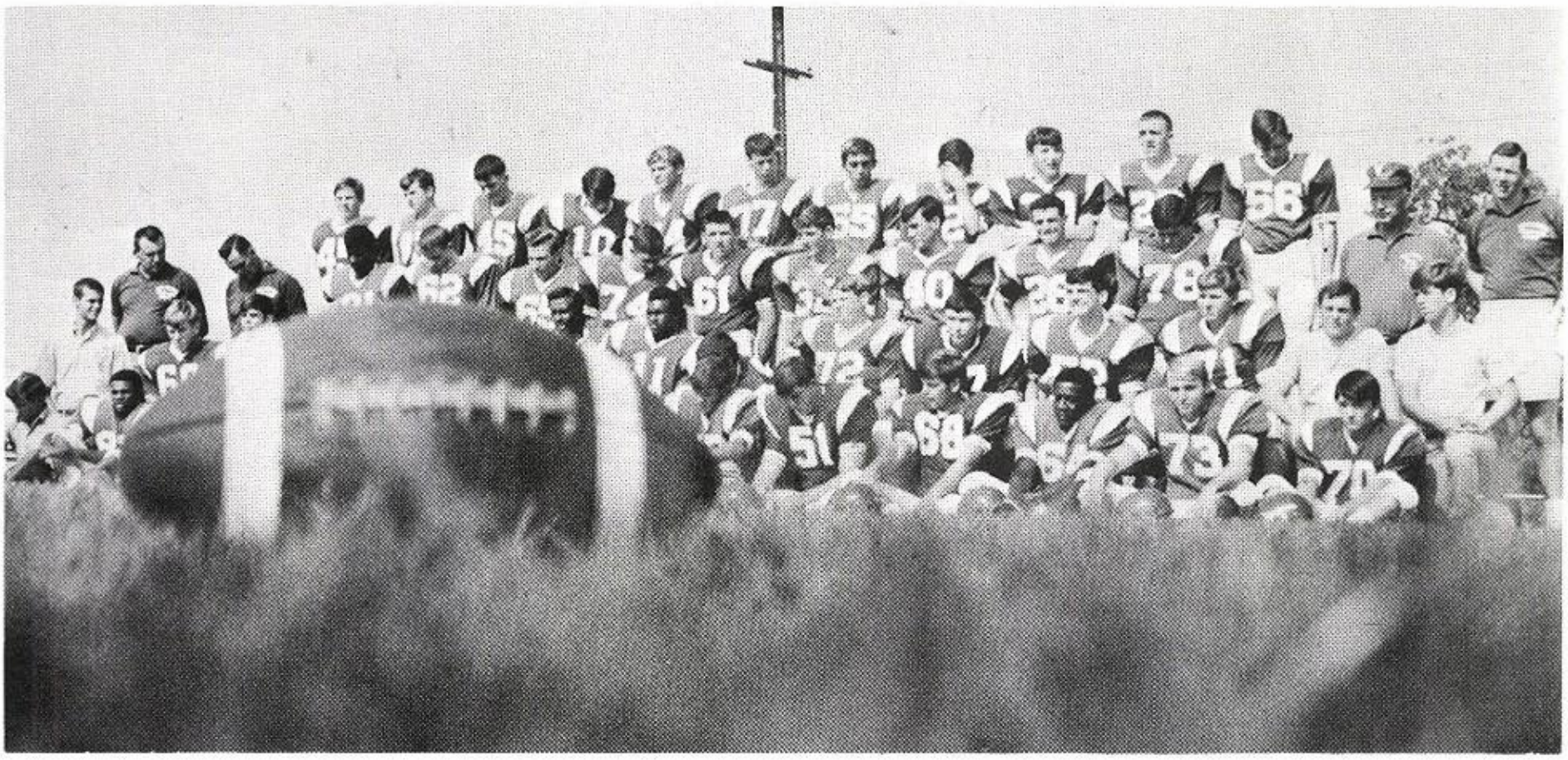
A VERY UNCHARACTERISTIC scene of the VBHS library is a jungle of books and not a reader in sight.

ACTION!

SENIOR QUARTERBACK STEVE Tanner drives for yardage against Bentonville in the Pointer's Homecoming game, while Jimmy House clears the way. This, the final game of the 69 season typified the spirit and enthusiasm the Pointers have shown throughout a memorable year.

Year of Regrouping

Enthusiasm Earns Dogs 2-8-1 Record



The 1969 Van Buren Pointers

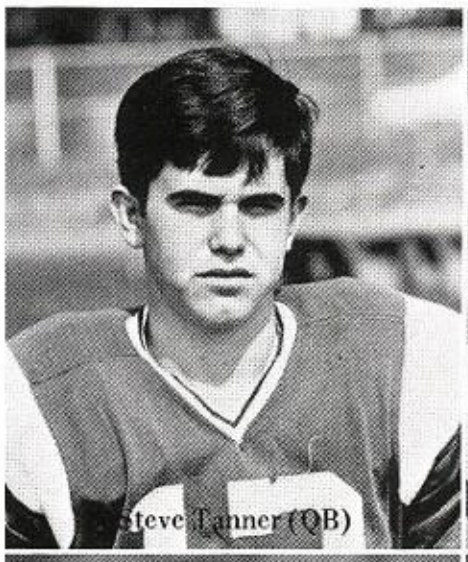
The Van Buren Pointers survived the ups and downs of a young football team, compiling a 2-8-1 record in 1969. A relatively large squad of 51 players coached by Mr. Rex Yerby went through a rough schedule of opponents showing hard work and plenty hustle.

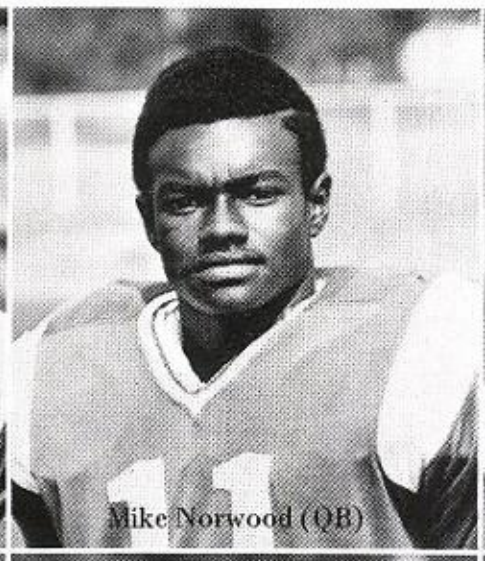
In the season opener on September 5, the Pointers battled their traditional twin city rival, Fort Smith Northside. The Northside Grizzlies, an AAAA team favored to again capture the state championship, did not have an easy time defeating the Dogs, 30-0. Mistakes by the Pointers in the first half, including a fumble and two blocked punts, were capitalized by Northside scores. The Grizzlies' brilliant running back, Billy Joe Releford, scrambled for three touchdowns in the opening half of play.

In the second half, however, the Dogs' defense got tough in recovering two fumbles and intercepting two passes from the Bears.

1969 Van Buren Pointers'
Football Scoreboard

			VB	Opponents
Sept.	5	FS Northside	0	30
	12	FS Southside	0	29
	19	Harrison	0	29
	26	Subiaco	0	21
Oct.	3	M Home	6	6
	10	Fayetteville	6	21
	17	Rogers	0	40
	24	Siloam Springs	12	6
	31	Hunstville	14	15
Nov.	7	FS St. Anne's	16	14
	14	Bentonville	16	40


Steve Tanner (QB)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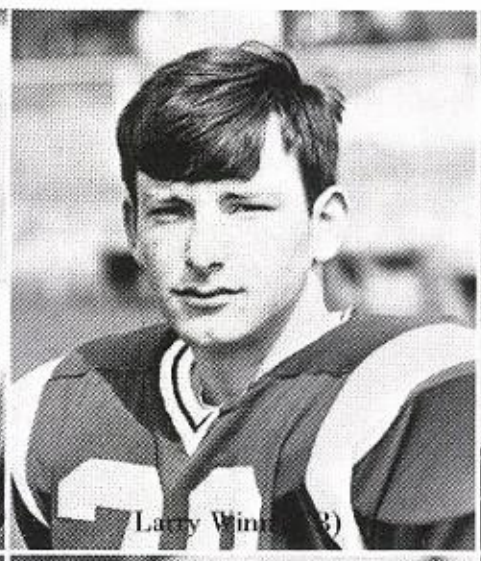
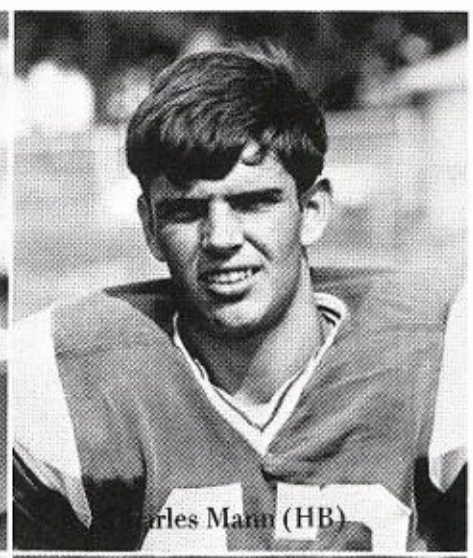
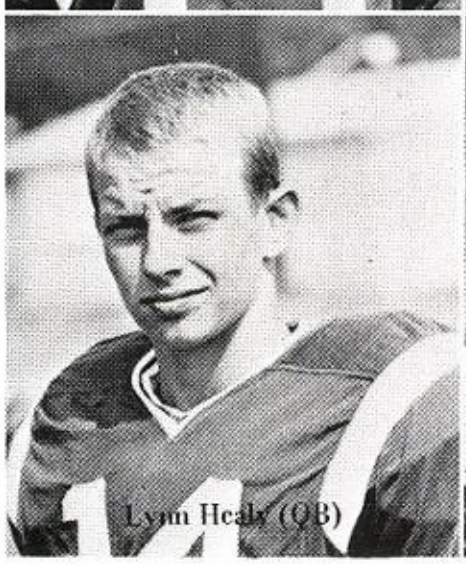
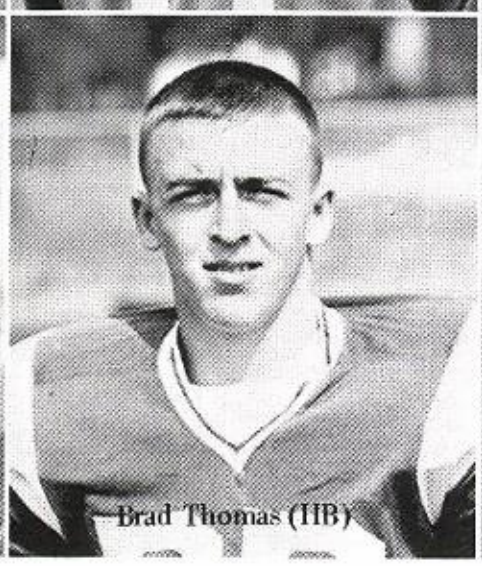
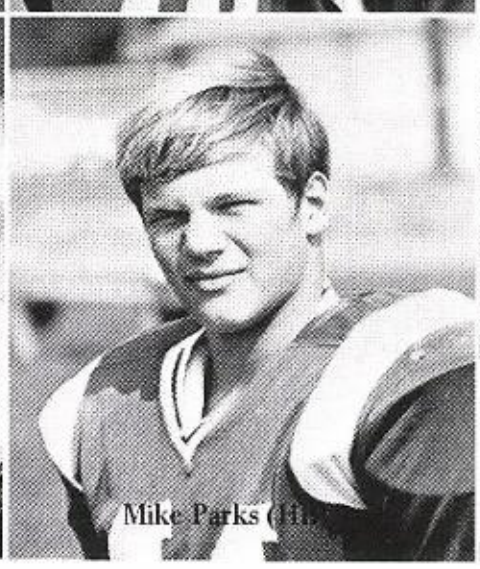

Larry Winn (FB)


Charles Mann (HB)


Lynn Healy (QB)


Brad Thomas (HB)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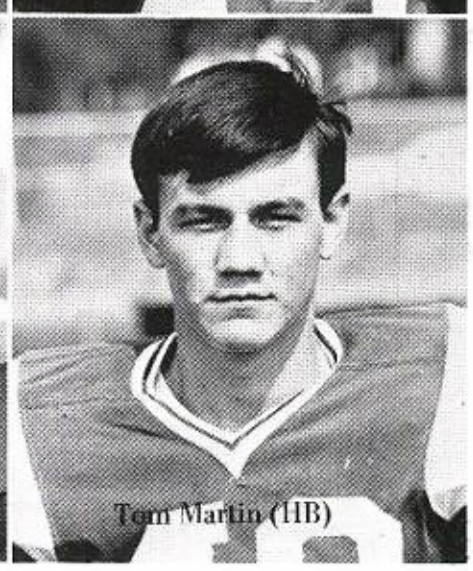
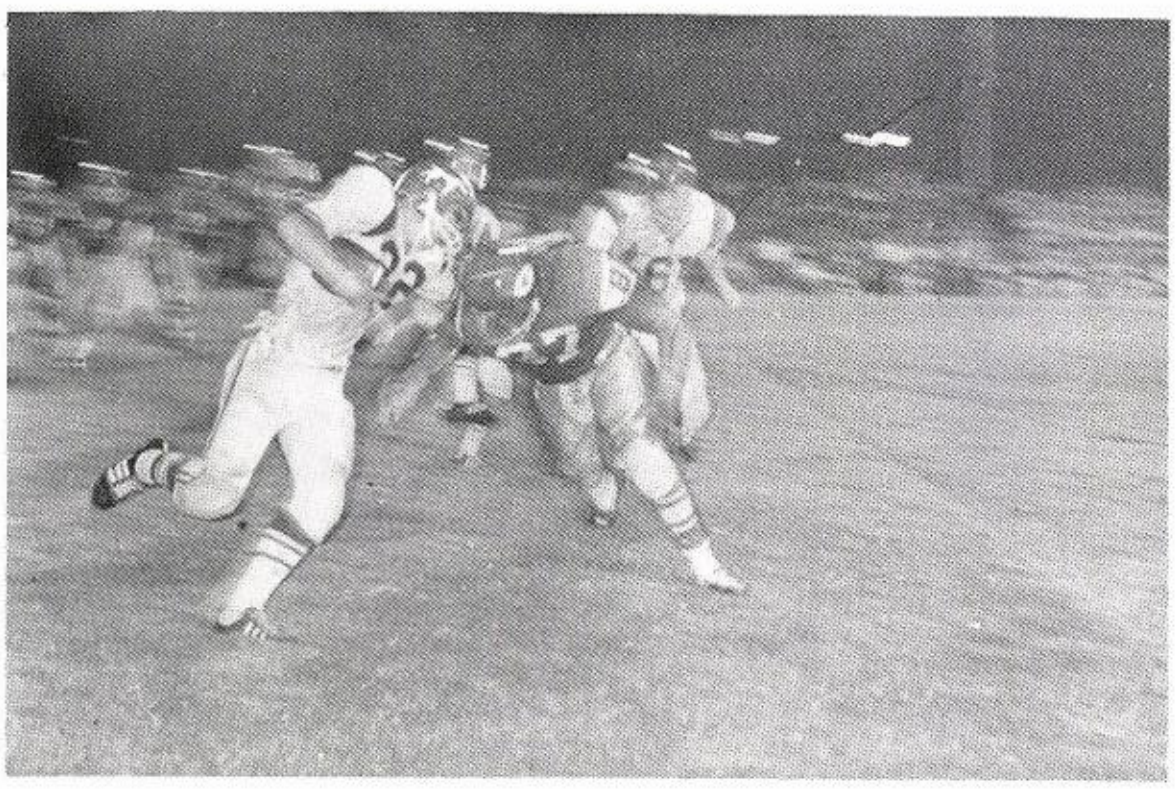

Tom Martin (HB)

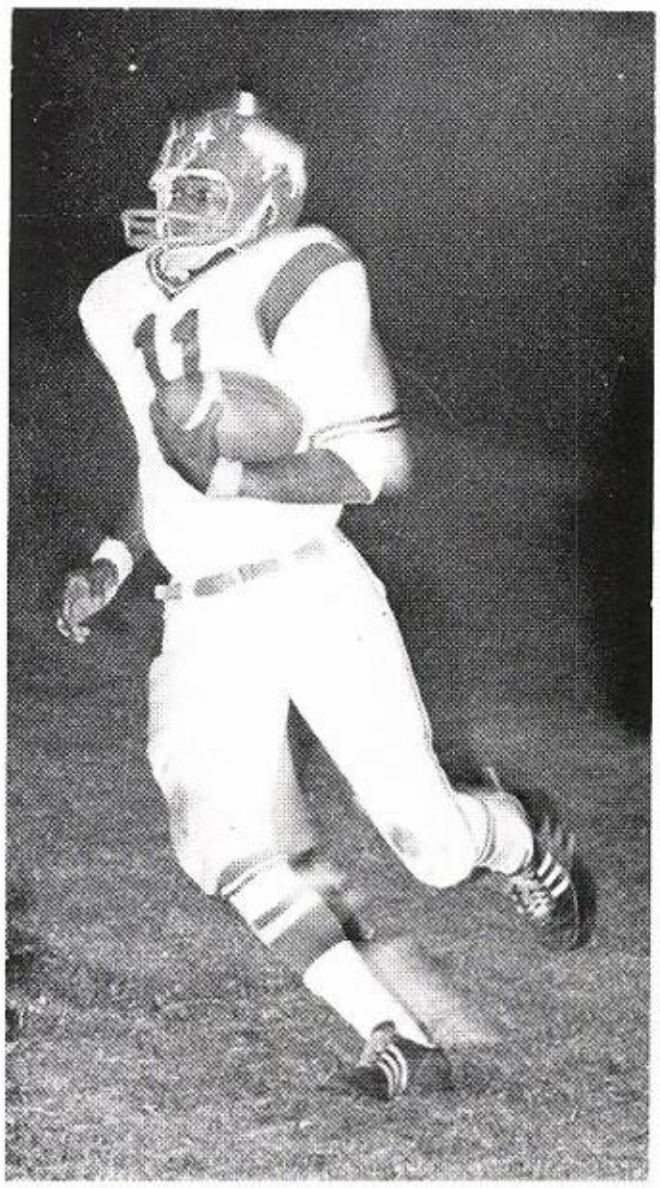
The powerful Grizzly scoring machine was shut out in the third quarter. On offense, there were good runs made for the Pointers by fullback Larry Winn and halfbacks Mike Parks and Brad Thomas.

The Pointers suffered from an inability to move the ball in losing to AAA Fort Smith Southside, 29-0, on September 12. The Southside Rebels got off to an early 14-0 lead on two touchdown runs by their halfback, Glen Brown. After this, the Dogs just could not catch up.

On September 19, the Pointers traveled to Harrison to play the AA Goblins in what was the first inter-conference game for Van Buren. Again, trouble with moving the ball cost the Pointers their first victory as they lost to the Goblins, 29-0.



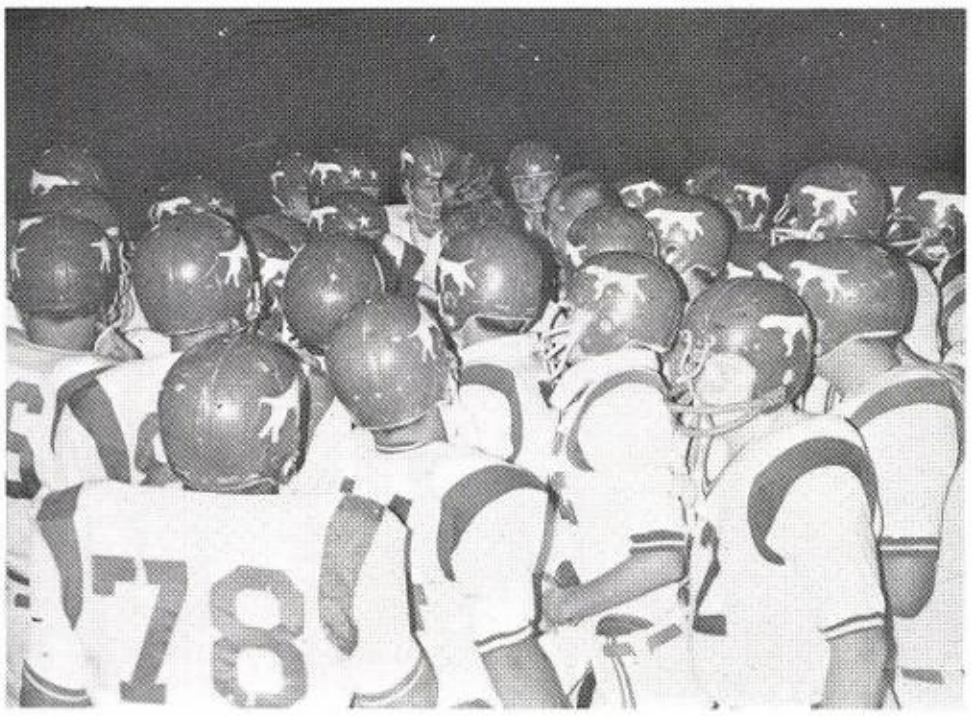
SOPHOMORE HALFBACK BRAD Thomas eludes a Grizzly tackle to pick up some valuable yardage against FS Northside.



SOPHOMORE MIKE NORWOOD picks up big yardage before going out of bounds on punt return against Harrison Goblins.

The Subiaco Trojans, a perennial AA power, came to Blakemore Field on September 26. Though the Pointers lost, 21-0, it was a fine defensive effort by the Dogs. Early in the game, when the Trojans led 14-0, the Pointers moved deep into Trojan territory; a touchdown drive was stopped when a Pointer sure scoring pass near the end zone.

On October 3, the Pointers went to Mountain Home to take on the AA Bombers. The Dogs spoiled a Homecoming victory for the Bombers, by tying them 6-6.

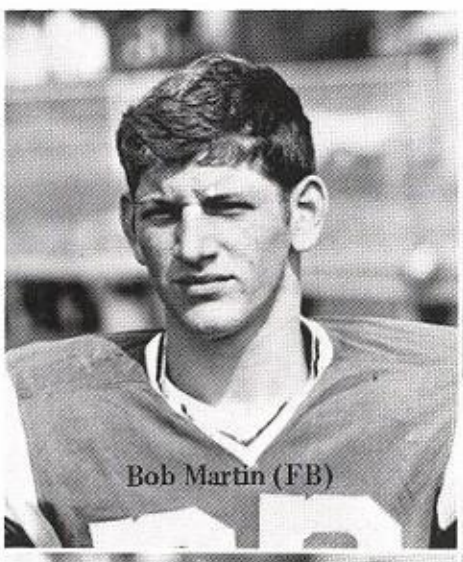


WITH THE POINTERS huddled on the sidelines prior to the kickoff, Coach Rex Yerby gives last minute instructions to the team.

JUNIOR SPLIT END, Sandy Ragge, opens his arms to catch a crucial pass from quarterback Steve Tanner.

The Pointers' score came when the ball was jarred loose from the arms of the Bomber quarterback caused by a stunning tackle by Pointer Jimmy House, then Larry Norwood picked up the fumble and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was no good.

The first victory of the year for the Dogs was ruined when a touchdown was nullified by a penalty. Nevertheless, the tie by the Pointers was considered an upset.



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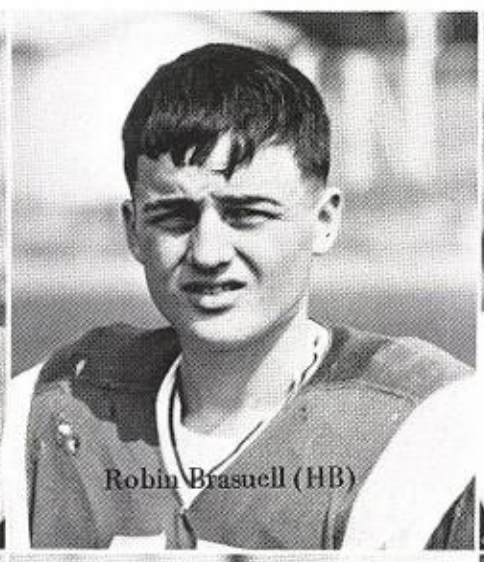

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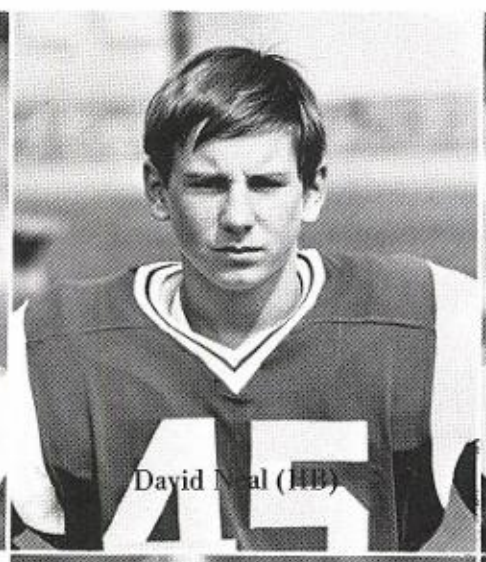

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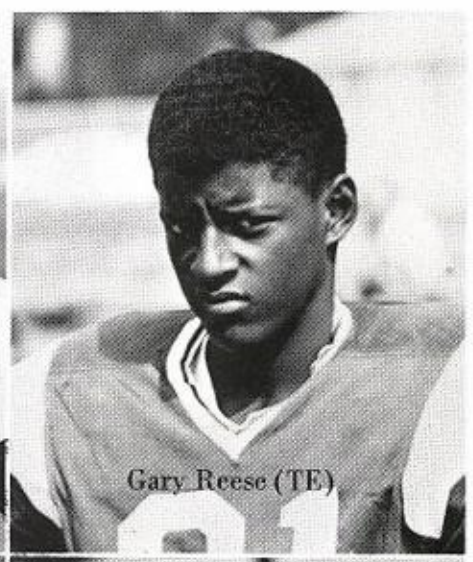

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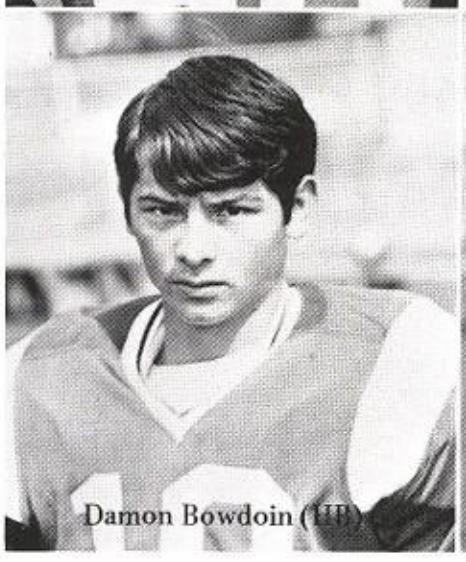

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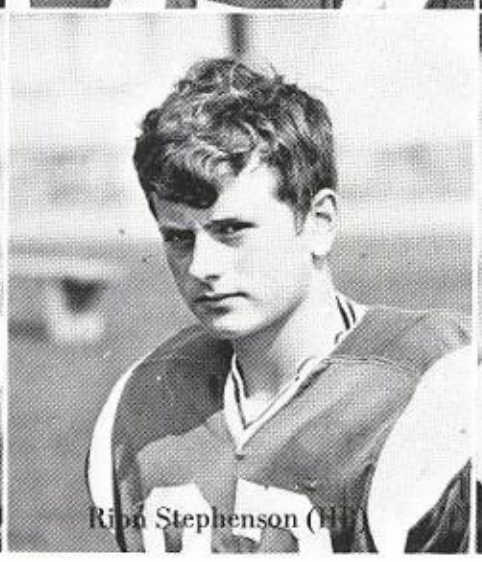

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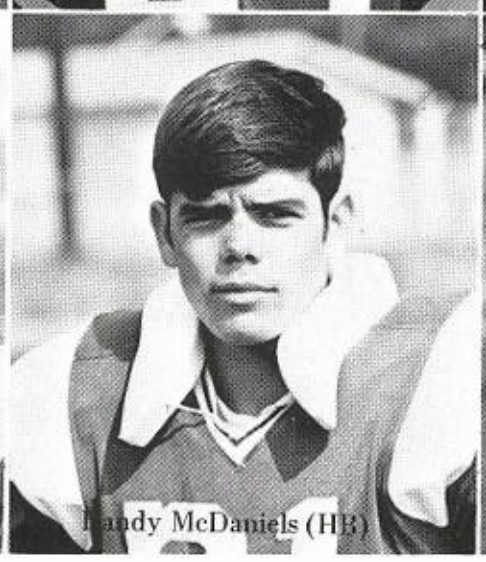

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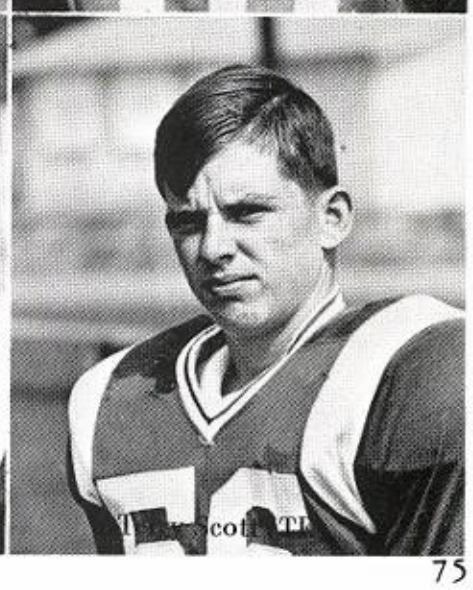
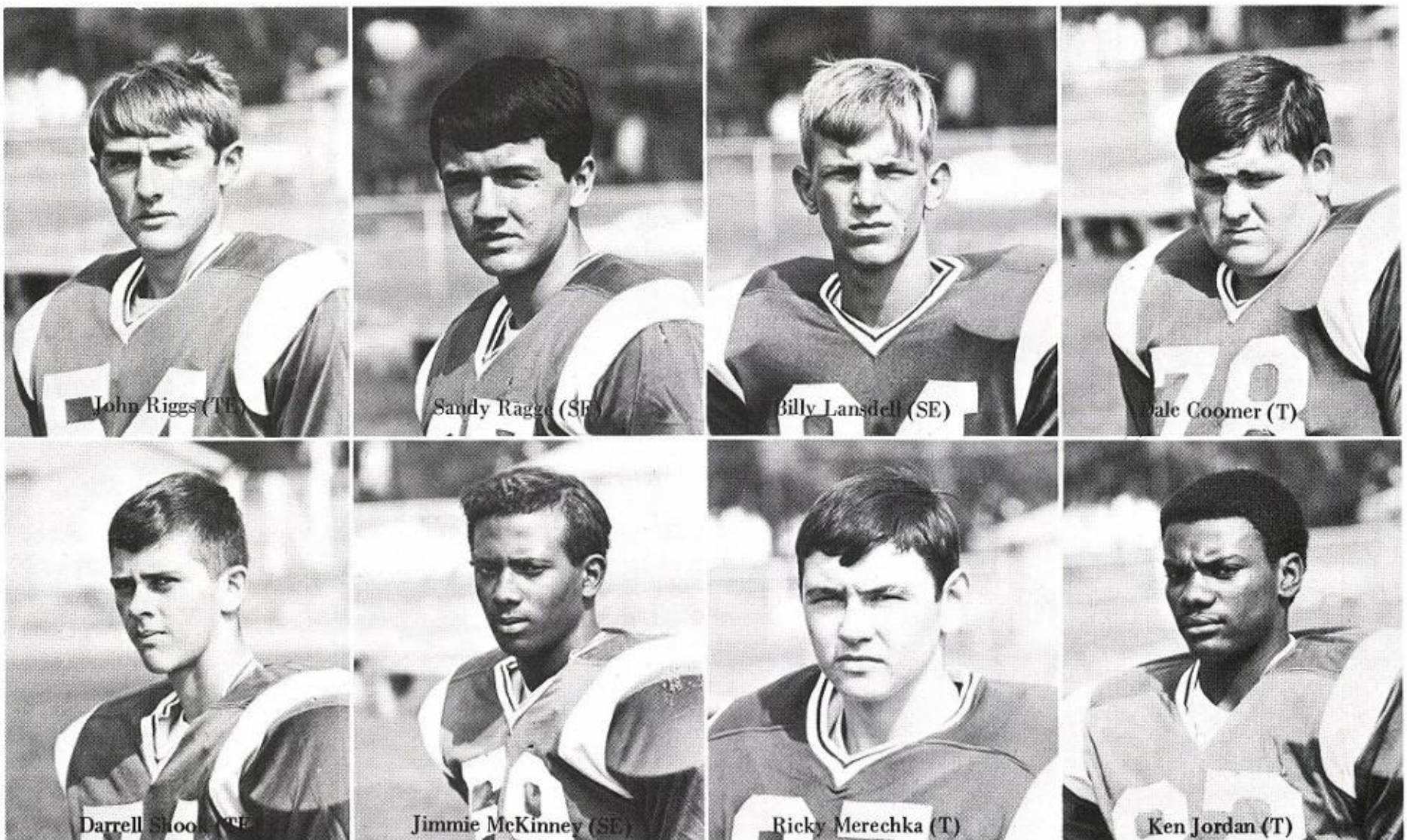
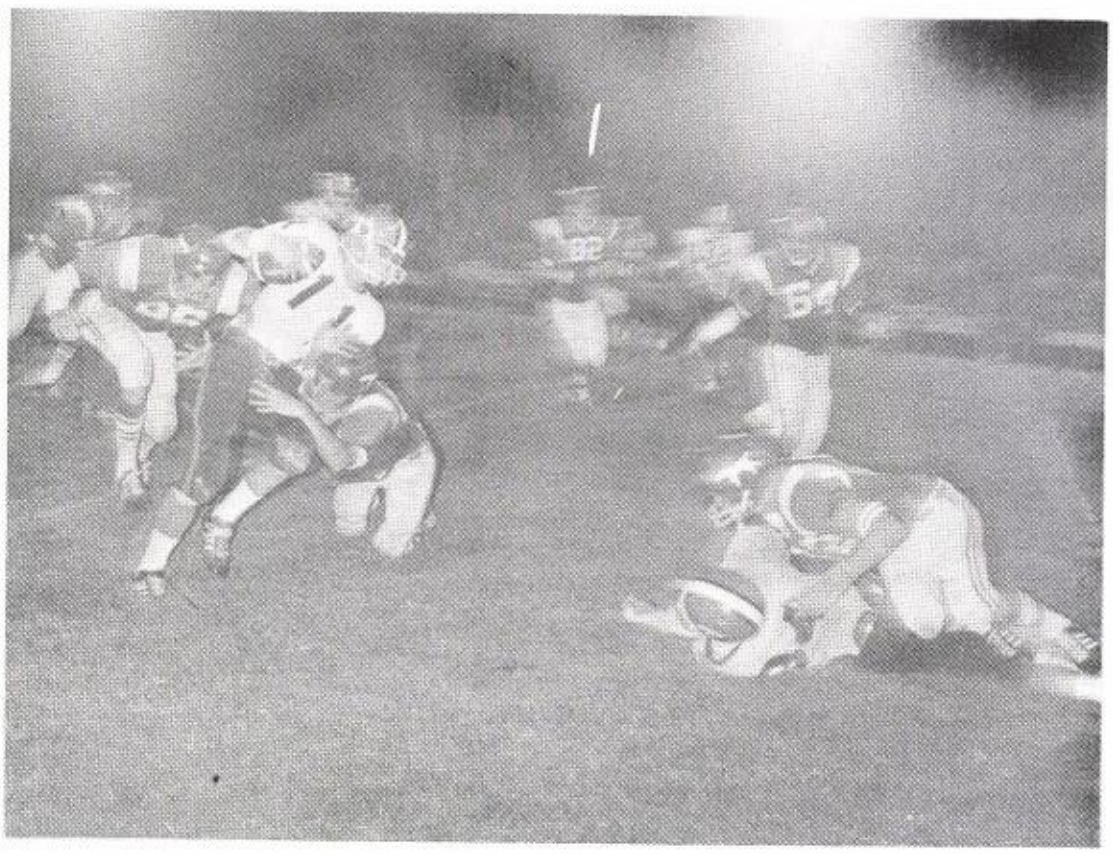




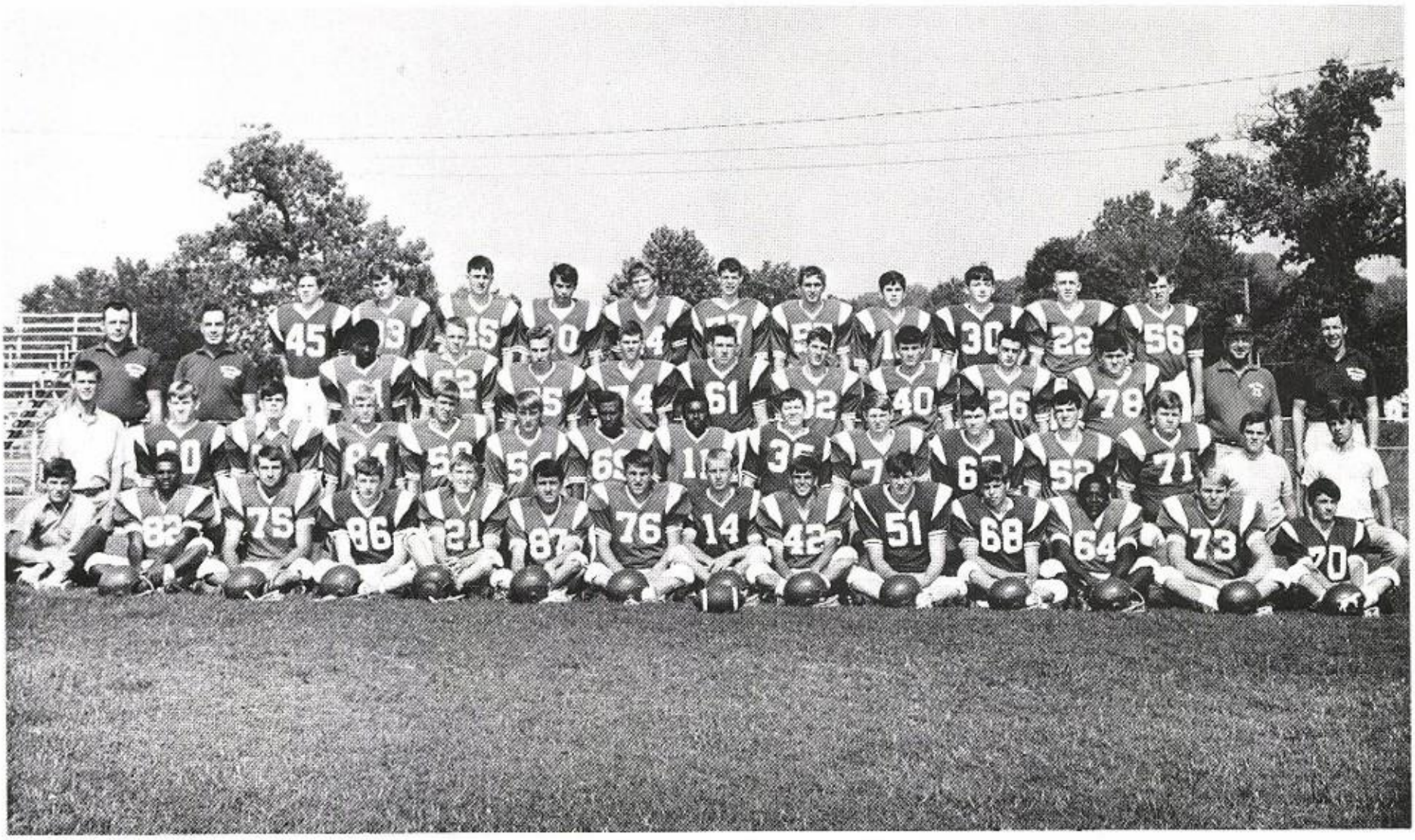


SENIOR JACK SELBY (85), Pointer defensive end, assists in tackling Subiaco's quarterback.

October 10 was homecoming for the AAA Fayetteville Bulldogs and the Pointers were in town to play them. Though the Pointers lost, 21-6, it was far from easy for the keyed up Bulldogs. The Pointers scored on a pass from Steve Tanner to Gary Reese. The PAT was no good. The touchdown was set up by a 70 yard run by halfback Brad Thomas. In the second half, the Pointers' defense contained the running attack of the Bulldogs, and Fayetteville was held scoreless.

On October 17, the Pointers were crushed by the AA Rogers Mountaineers, 40-0, at Blakemore Field. Mistakes and misfires galore killed the Pointers on offense and defense. It was a night when everything went haywire for Van Buren.

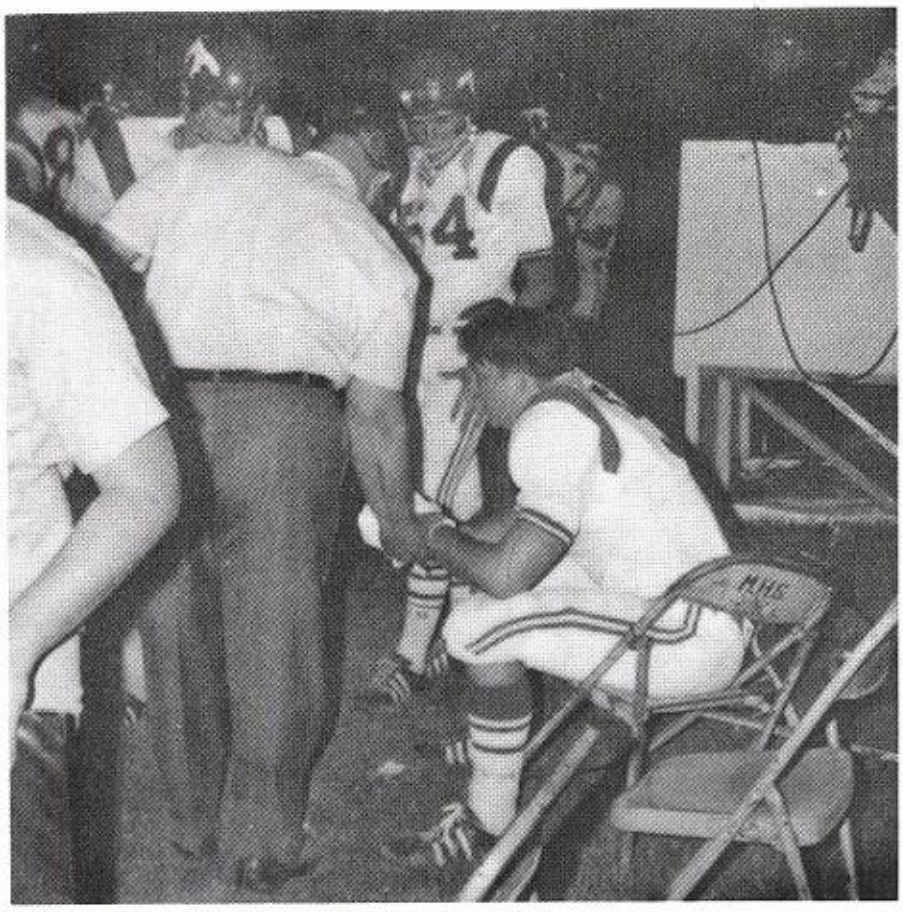
But, things were much brighter on October 24, when the Pointers took their first AA conference win of the year by beating the Siloam Springs Panthers, 12-6.



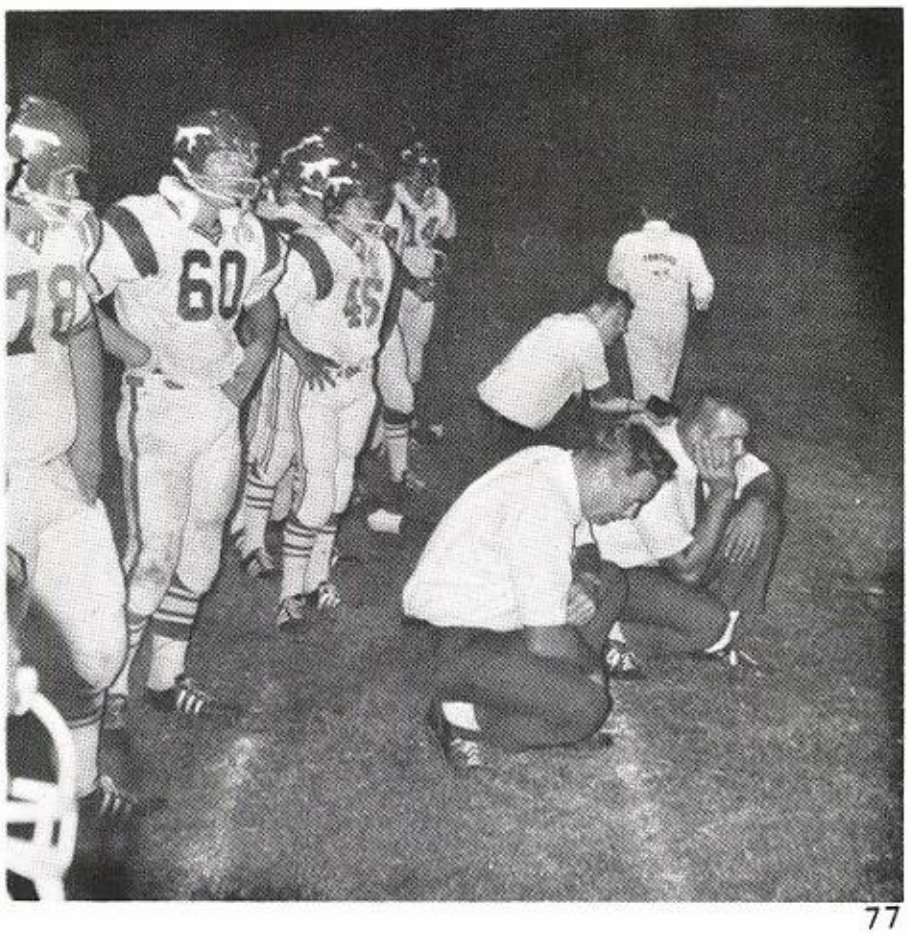
SQUAD: (Top Row, left to right) David Neal, Rion Stephenson, Robin Brasuell, Damon Bowdoin, Mike Parks, Stewart Sargent, David Vandergriff, Steve Tanner, Larry Winn, Brad Thomas, Terry Scott. (Second Row) Coach W. E. Hawthorne, Coach Rex Yerby, Gary Reese, John Sagely, Al Selman, Darrell Shook, Jimmy House, Bob Martin, Tom Martin, Arthur Perkins, Dale Commer, Coach Clair Bates, Coach Dickie James. (Third Row) Ralph Ball, Roger Manuel, Randy McDaniels, Billy Lansdell, Stan Runions, John Riggs, Jimmy McKinney, Mike Norwood, Frank Bowdoin, Bob Brooks, Ricky Meretchka, Tim Considine, John Boster, Steve Perkins, David Williams. (Front Row) Jack Servold, Ken Jordan, David Davis, Eddie Richmond, Wendall Brodie, Sandy Ragge, Robert Dean, Lynn Healy, Charlie Mann, Chuck Runions, Kerry Hubbs, Larry Norwood, Jerry Brammer, Billy Seabolt.

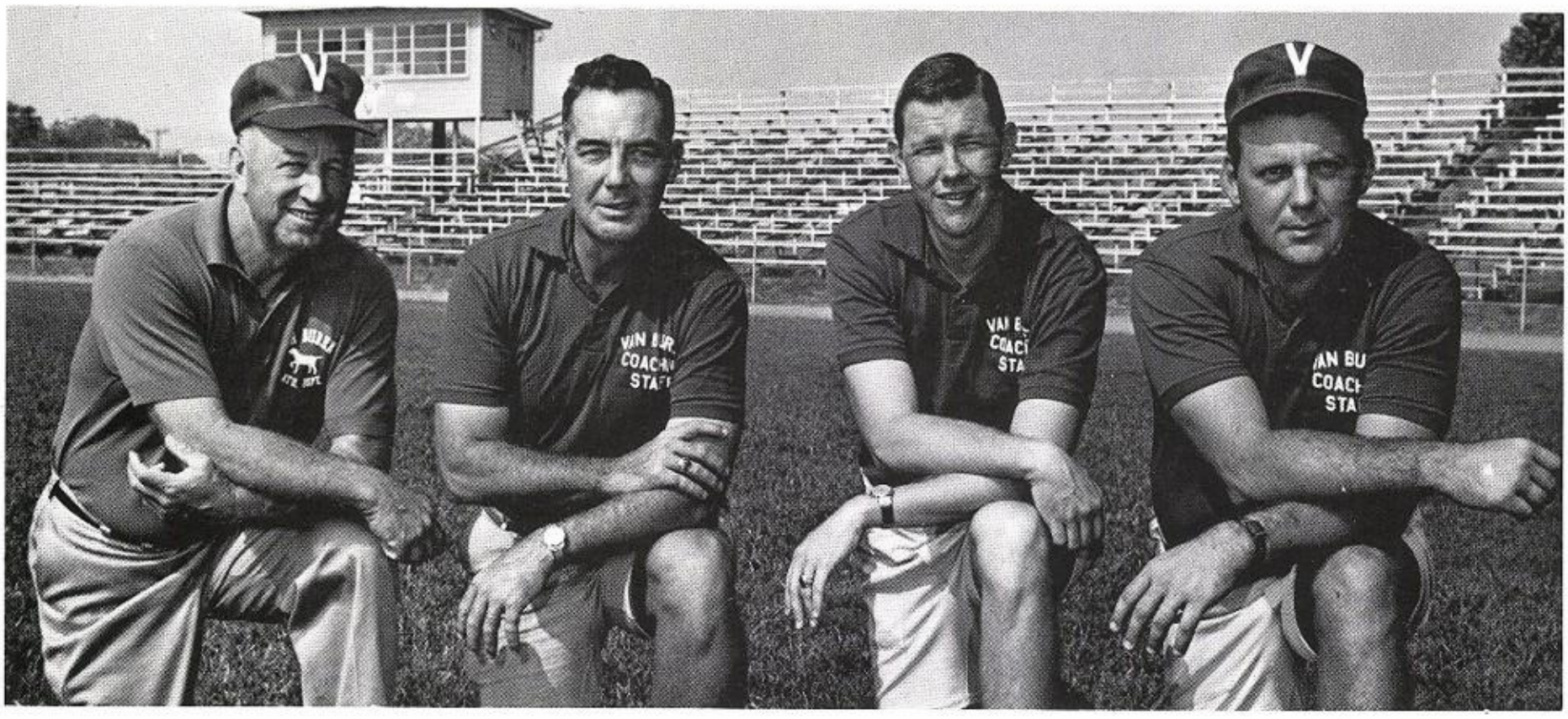
Birddogs Find Early Foes Tough

CHUCK RUNIONS, SENIOR center for the Dogs, has a moment of rest on the bench during a hard hitting game.



COACHES REX YERBY, W. E. Hawthorne, Dickie James and the Pointers are shown at a moody moment on the sidelines after losing to the Harrison Goblins.





COACHES: (Left to Right) Mr. Clair Bates, assistant football and basketball coach, Mr. Rex Yerby, head football coach, Mr. Dickie James, assistant football and head basketball coach, Mr. W. E. Hawthorne, assistant football and basketball coach.

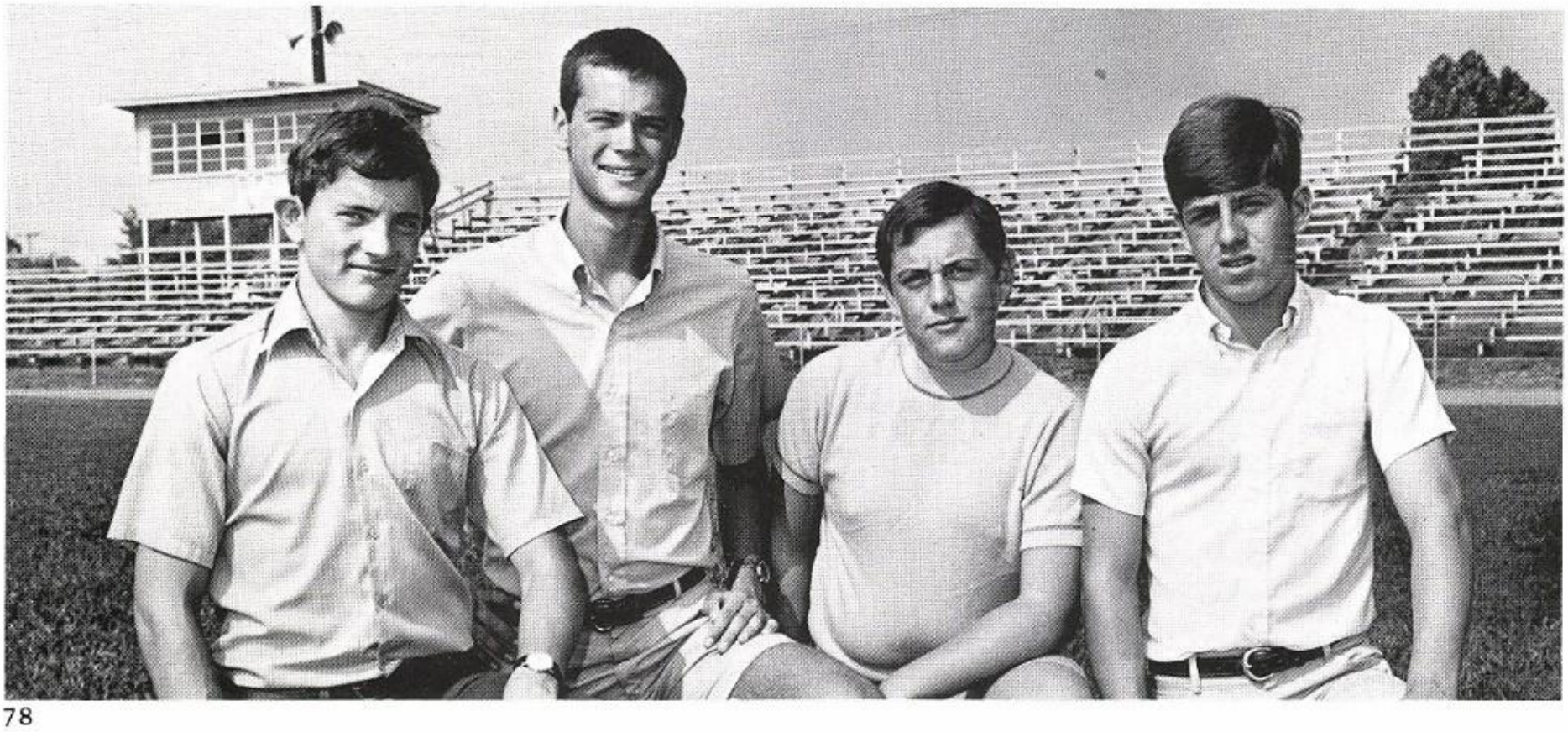
Touchdowns were scored for the Pointers by halfback Mike Parks and quarterback Lynn Healy. After a 6-6 tie at the half, the Pointers took command of the game showing ball control and plenty of hard hitting. The Pointers' defense intercepted a total of four passes from the Panthers. Defensive standout was halfback Wendall Brodie, who accounted for three of the four interceptions. The Pointers remained the biggest "homecoming-spoiler" in the District AA.

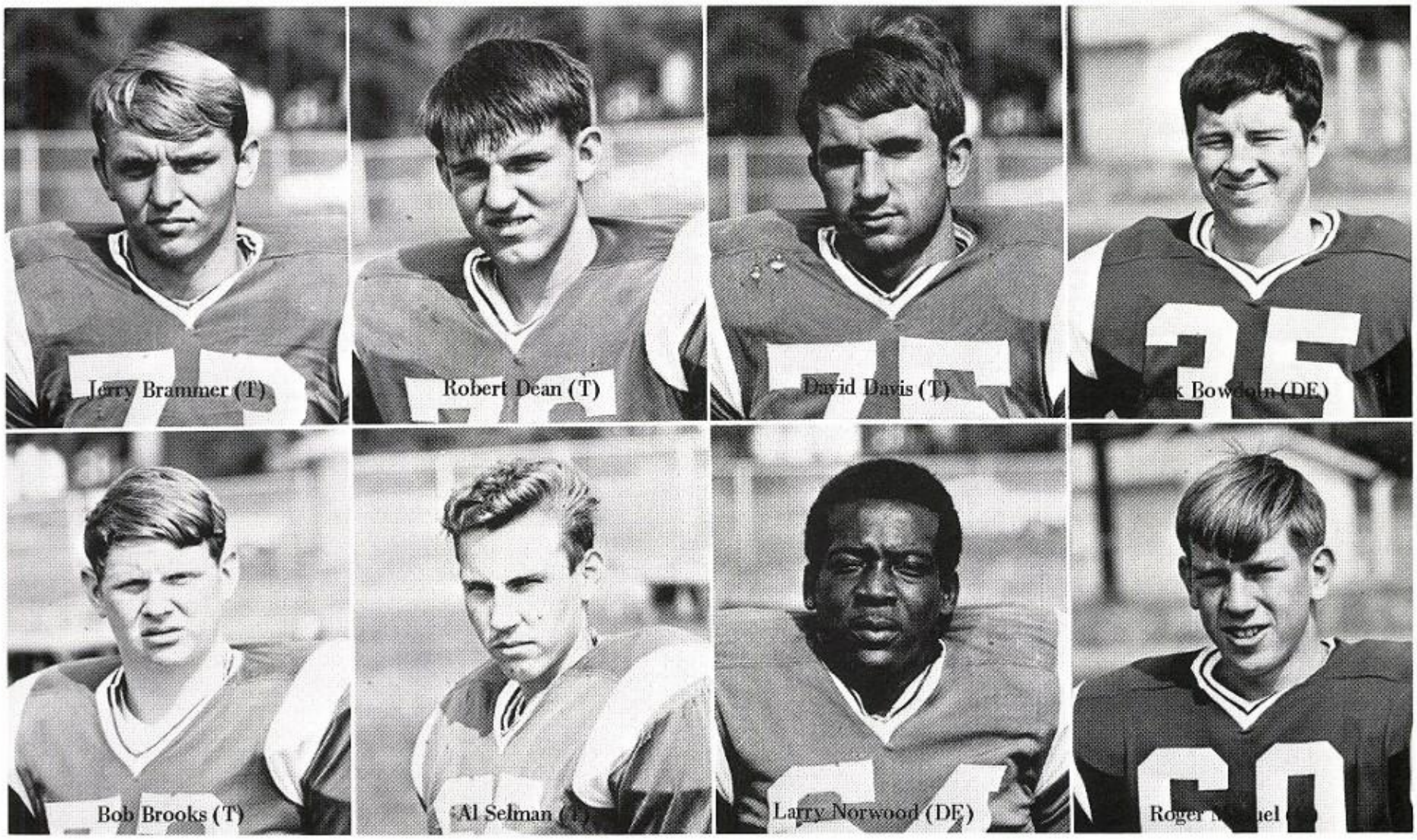
On Halloween night, October 31, it was the heartbreaker of the year as the Pointers were edged by AA Huntsville, 15-14. Huntsville's Eagles were ahead 7-0 at halftime, but the Pointers came back in the second half strongly. The Eagles were held scoreless throughout the third quarter of play; the Dogs had scored on a seven yard touchdown run by fullback Larry Winn and another six points was added on a one yard plunge by halfback Tom Martin. Martin's score was followed by a two point conversion which came on a pass from Steve Tanner to Gary Reese.

Leading 14-7 with less than a minute left in the game, the Eagles' Lyn Jackson recovered a Pointer fumble and returned it 70 yards for a touchdown. A moment later, Jackson ran three yards for a two point conversion and a 15-14 victory for the Eagles.

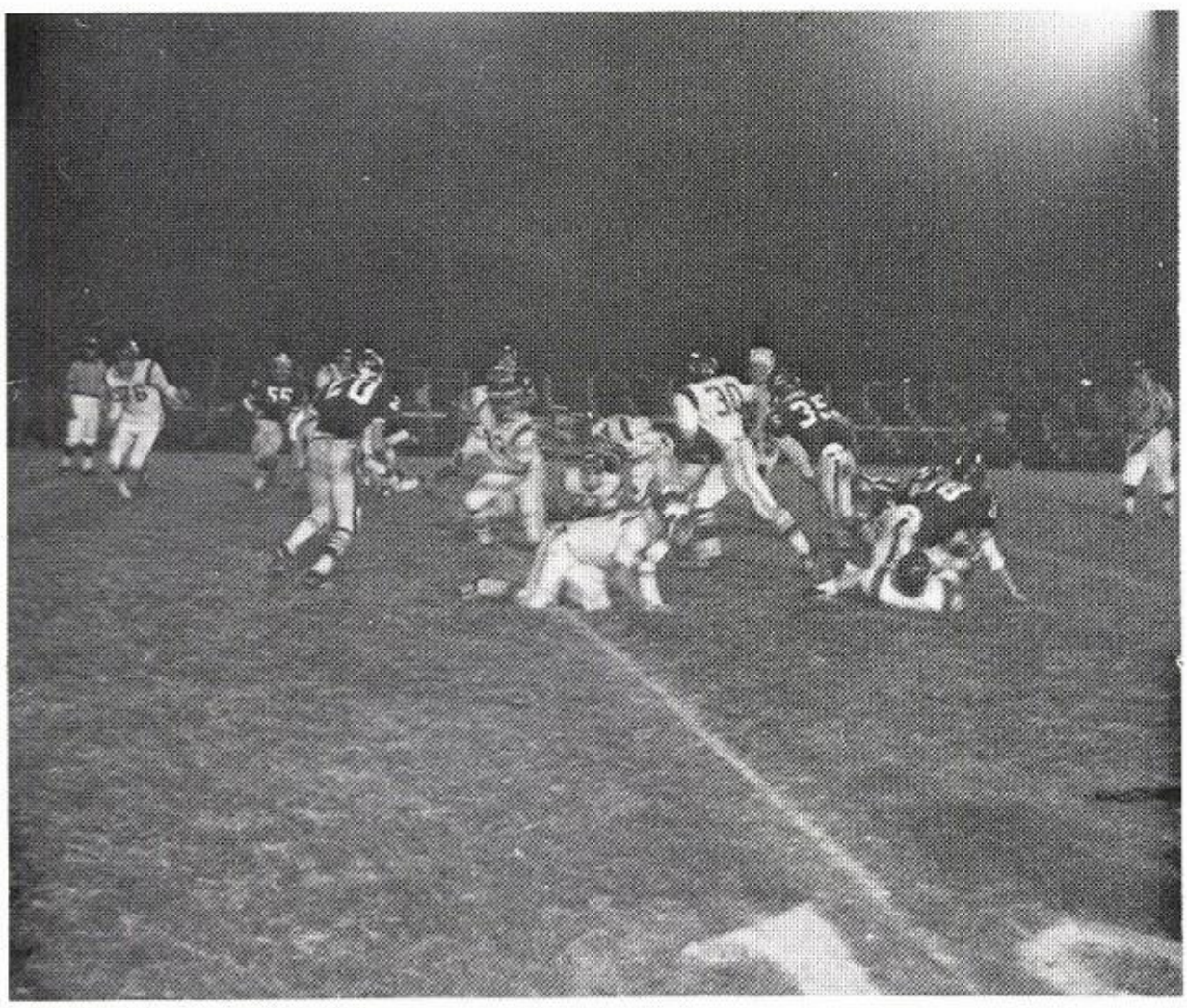
On November 7, the Pointers came back taking a 16-14 win over the A Fort Smith St. Anne's Buffaloes. Defensive end Larry Norwood scored one touch-

MANAGERS: (Left to Right) Jack Servold, Ralph Ball, Steve Perkins, David Williams.





Dogs Claim Victory in Later Games



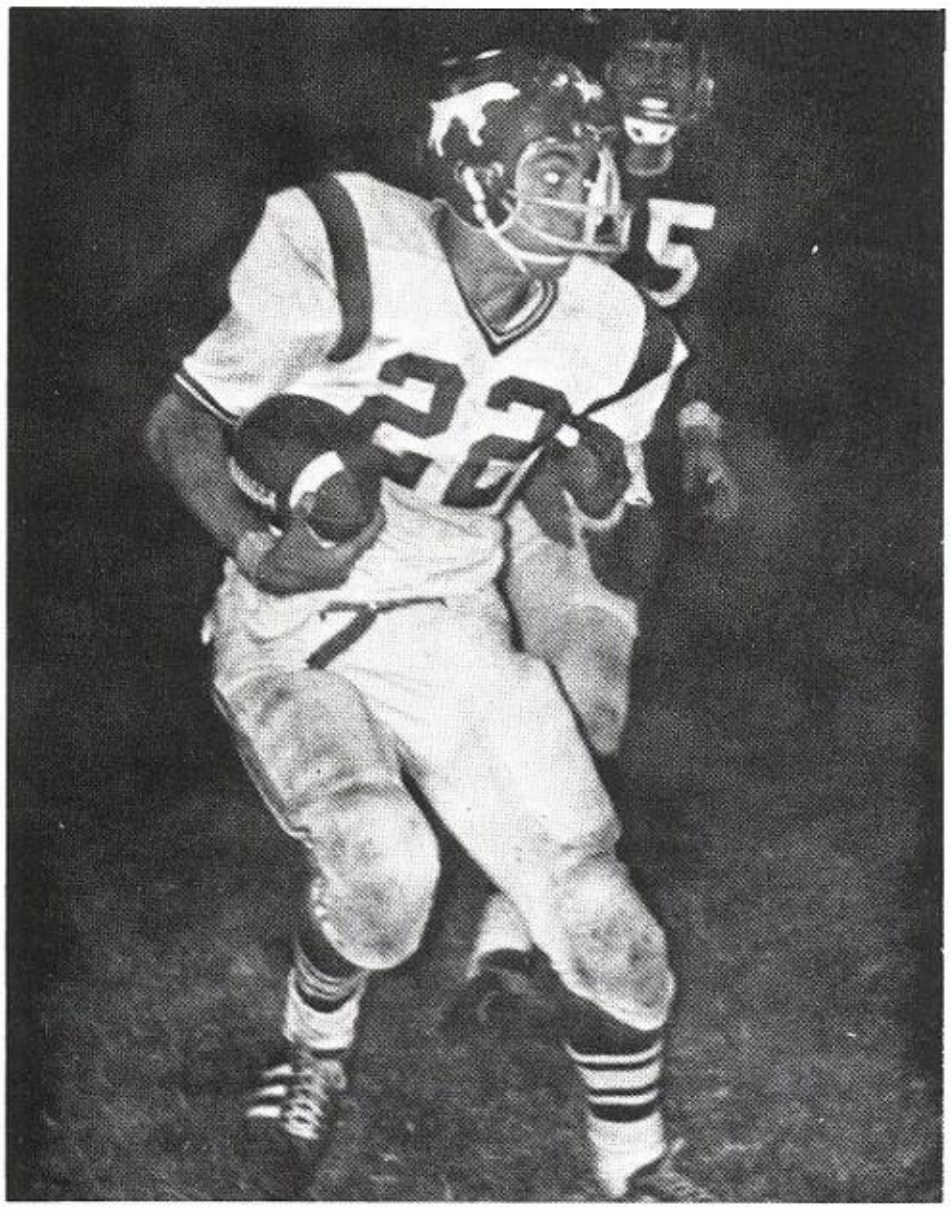
POINTER HALFBACK LARRY Winn, senior, takes advantage of some fine blocking in bolting up the middle for some yardage against the Huntsville Eagles.

down by returning a recovered fumble two yards for the score. David Vandergriff's PAT was good. Later, another touchdown was scored on a pass from Steve Tanner to Gary Reese. Vandergriff's second PAT was good.

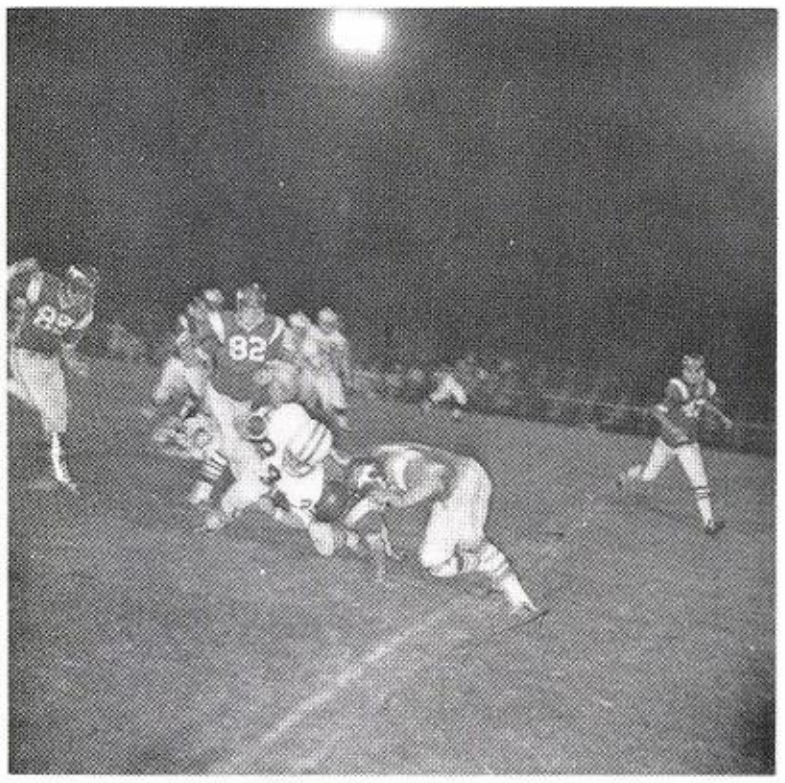
The game's decisive score came in the final period as Larry Norwood dropped the Buffs' quarterback in the end zone for a two point safety. The final was Van Buren 16, St. Anne's 14.

The Pointers lost their Homecoming game and season finale to the AA Bentonville Tigers on November 14, 40-16. The Pointers scored on a one yard plunge by halfback Mike Parks, which was followed by a two point conversion resulting from a Steve Tanner to Gary Reese pass. In the final period, the Dogs again scored on a three yard run by halfback Brad Thomas pass.

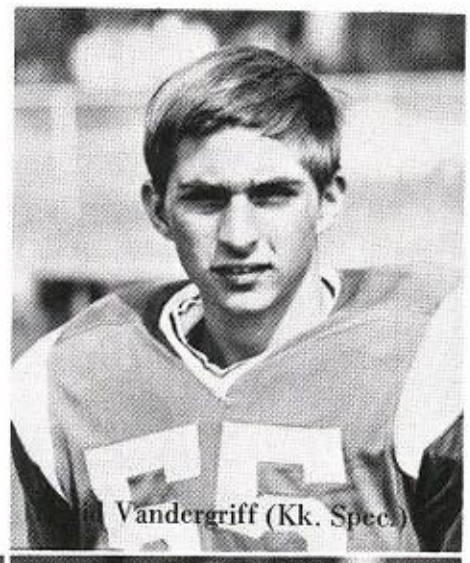
The "B" Pointers had a 1-3 record for the year. They lost to Fort Smith Southside, 21-0, Booneville, 28-15, and Sallisaw, 17-14. Their lone victory was an 8-6 win over Fort Smith Southside in a rematch from an earlier game.



BRAD THOMAS, POINTER halfback, scrambling for yardage around the right end of the Panther line; this game was the first win of the year for the Dogs.



BUDDY WALTERS (82), 1AA All District senior tackle, rushes in to assist an unidentified Pointer defensive player on the tackle of FS Southside Rebel running back, Glen Brown.



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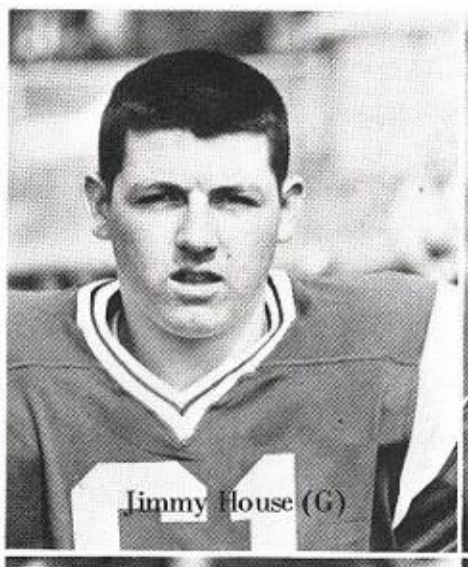

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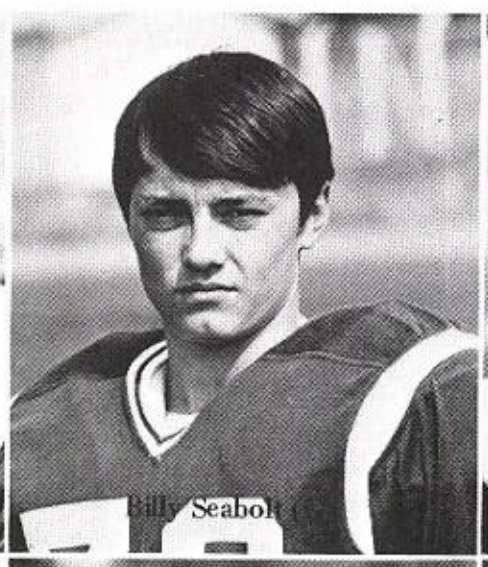

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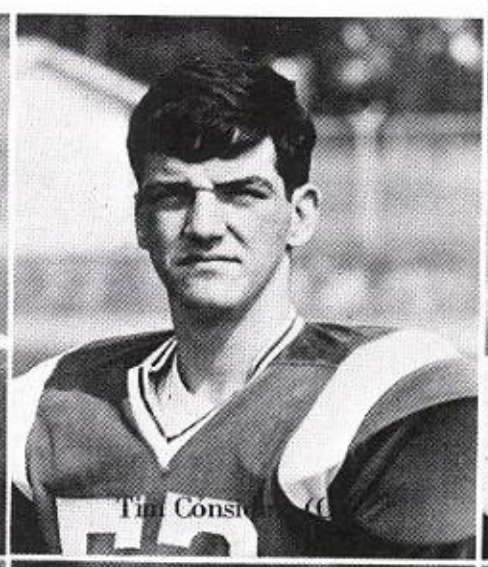

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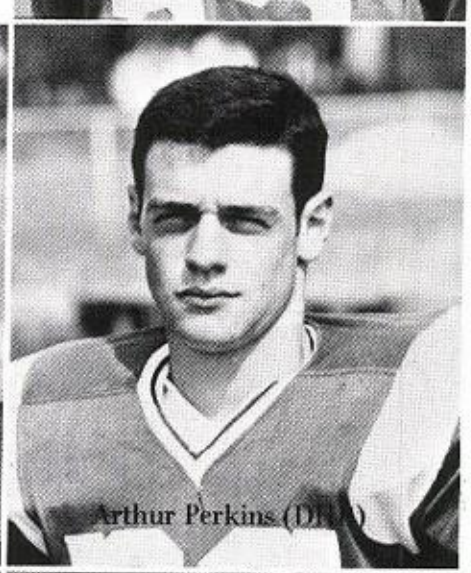

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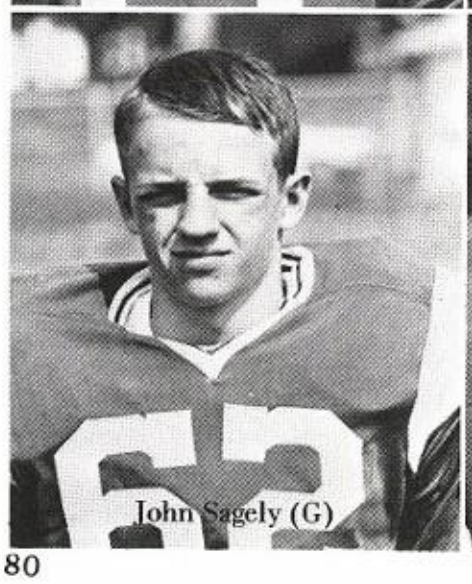

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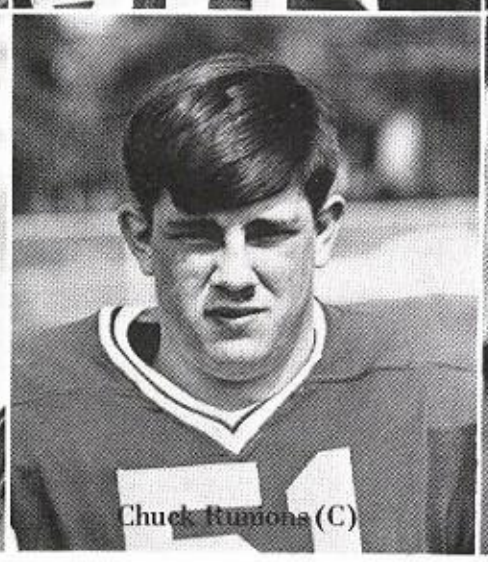

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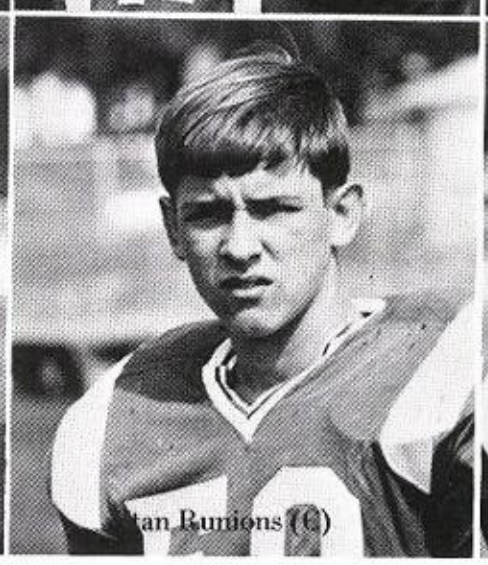

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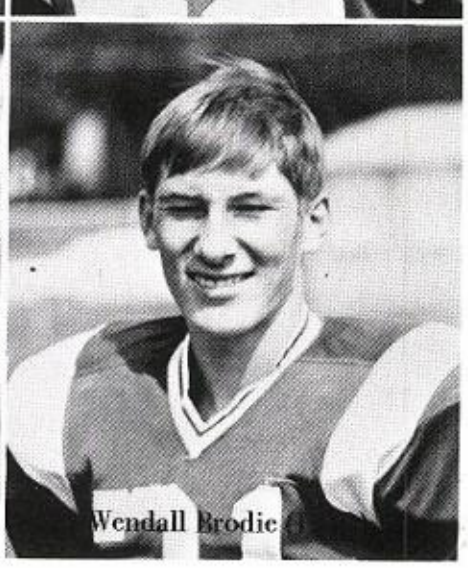

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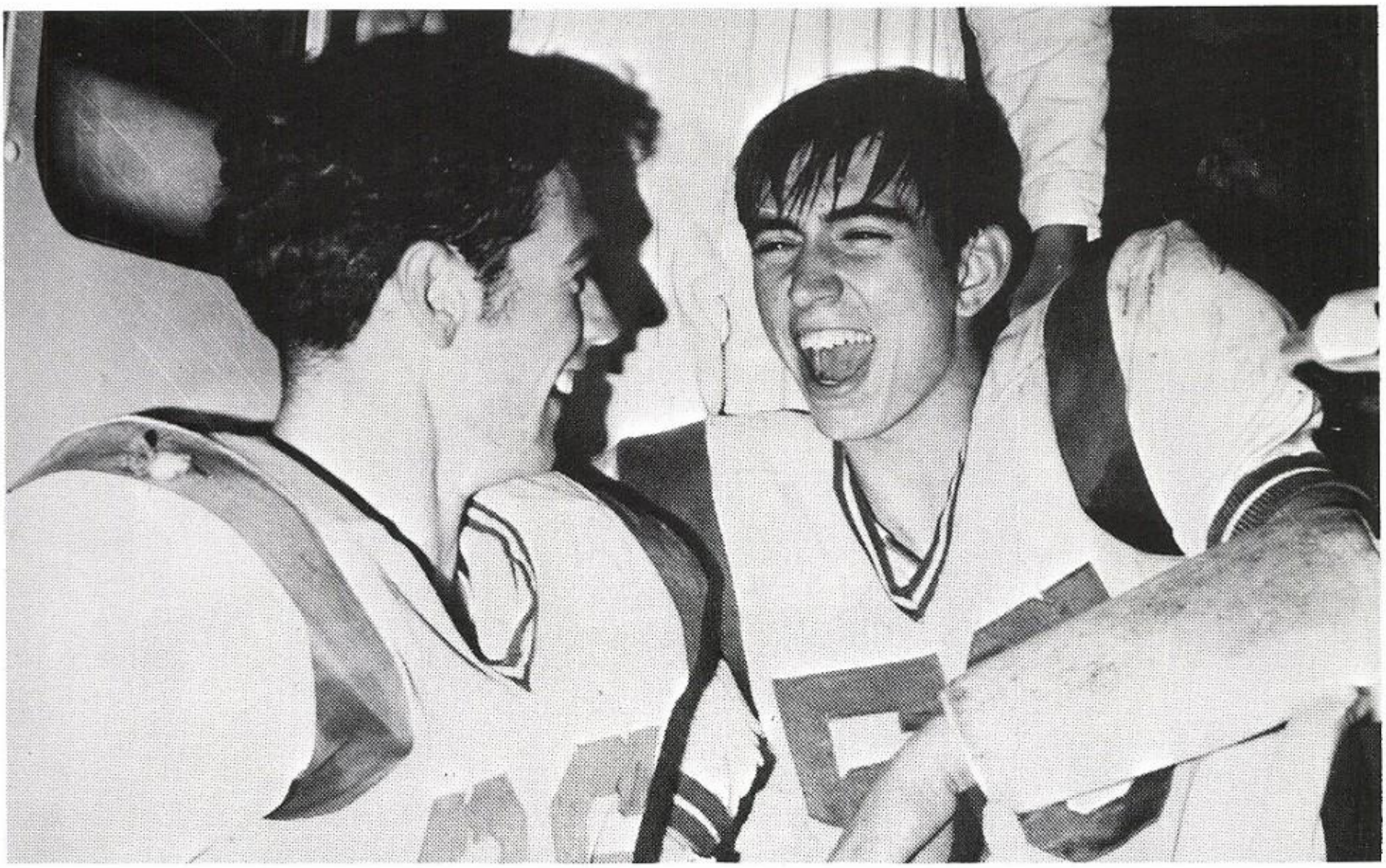
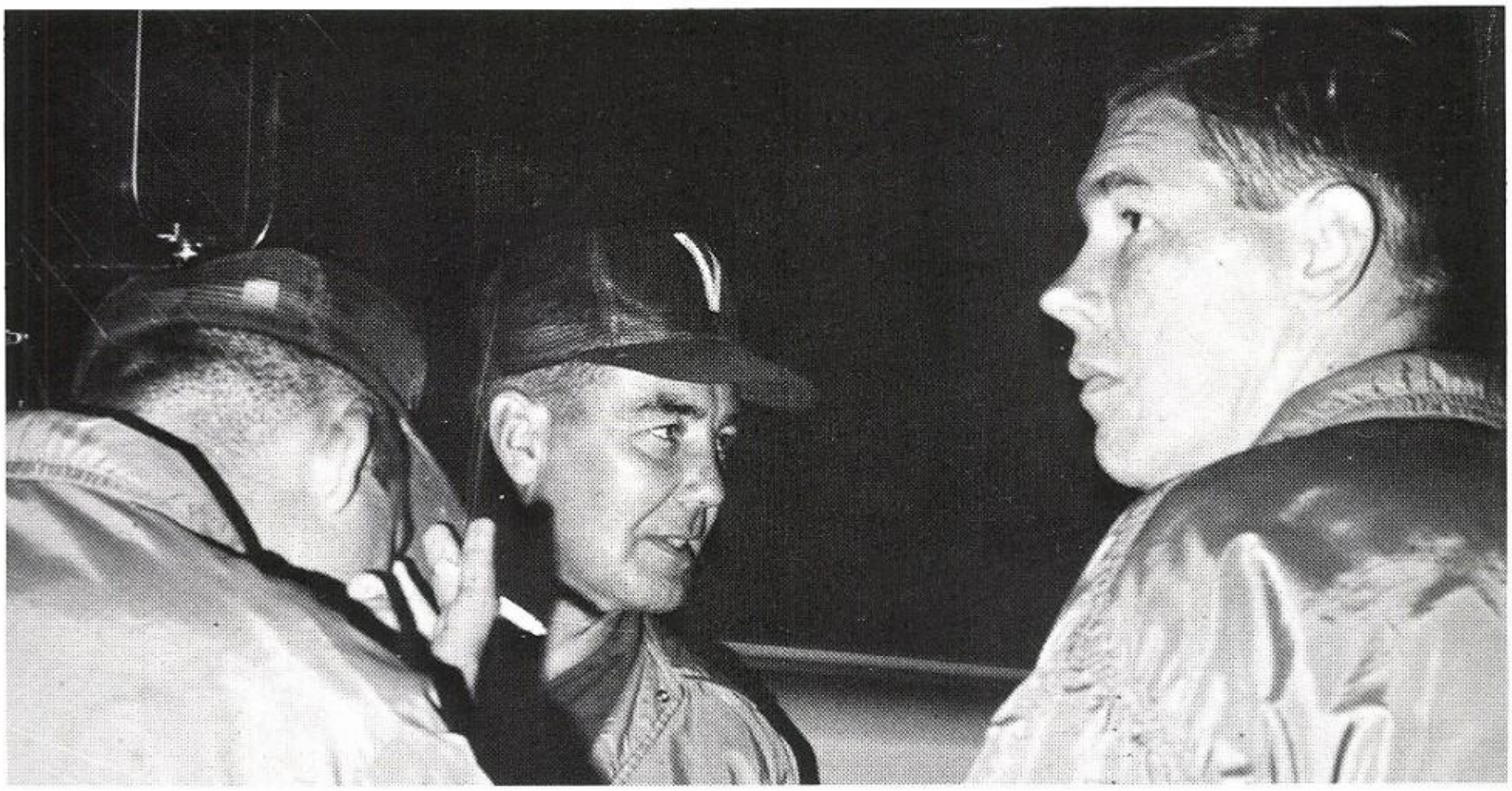


THE ELATION OF victory sparkles on the faces of Pointers' center Nelson Ballard and defensive halfback Arthur Perkins after the Birddogs' 16-14 win over Fort Smith St. Anne's on November 7. This is a trademark of the Pointers' enthusiasm they have shown all year.



ON THE OTHER side, the coaches, W. E. Hawthorne (with back turned), Rex Yerby, and Dickie James, talk over main points and key plays of the game following Van Buren's win over the Buffaloes.

SMILING RADIANTLY, QUEEN Vicki Hall is surrounded by the members of the Homecoming court. They include Pat Selby, sophomore; Debbie Rogers, junior; Betsy Hall, senior; Vicki Hall, queen; Norma Trentham, maid of honor; Brenda Glass, senior; Vicki Means, junior; and Lynn Broaddrick, sophomore.

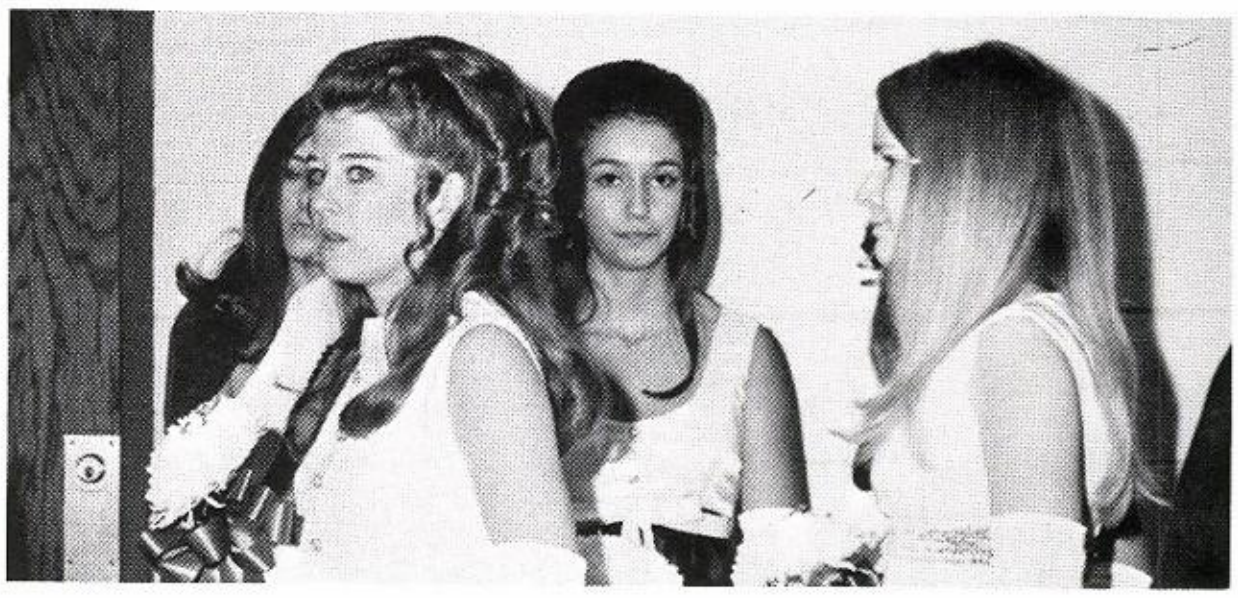
Vicki Hall Reigns As Homecoming Queen

Brown-haired, brown-eyed Vicki Hall reigned as queen over colorful Homecoming activities November 14. Vicki's court consisted of seven beauties from the three classes.

Norma Trentham was selected as maid of honor while Brenda Glass and Betsy Hall served as the two senior maids.

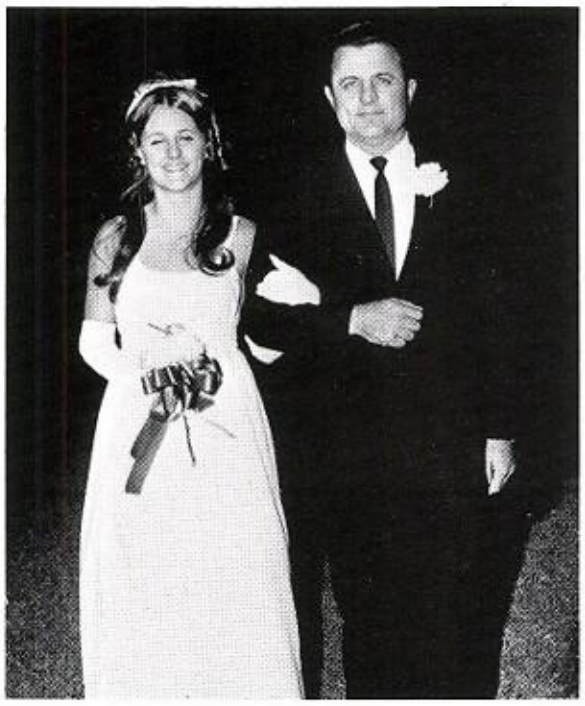
Debbie Rogers and Vicki Means served as junior maids and Pat Selby and Lynn Broaddrick served as sophomore maids.

Royalty was selected by the football team. The girls were escorted by their fathers in ceremonies held before the Bentonville game.



Above: AWAITING THEIR PRESENTATION to the student body, the girls display a variety of emotions.

Below: AN EXCITEMENT FILLED day, to be climaxed by the coronation of the evening, finds these members of the Homecoming court intent on the activities of the pep rally.



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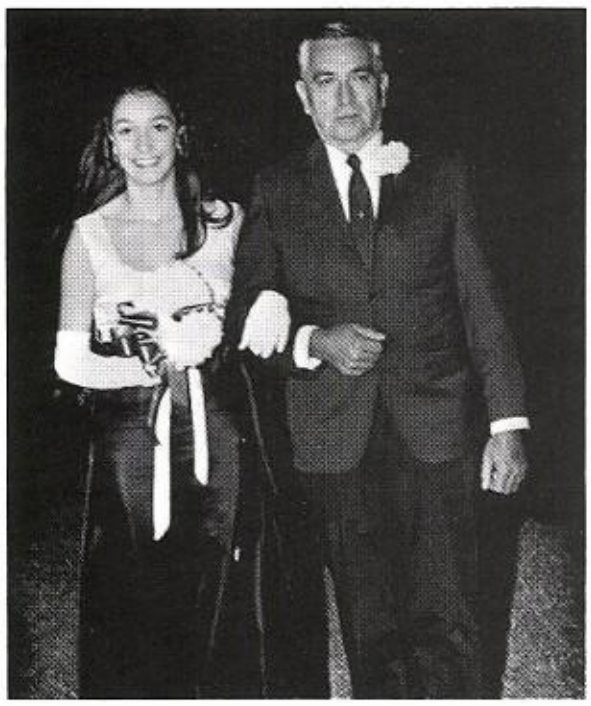

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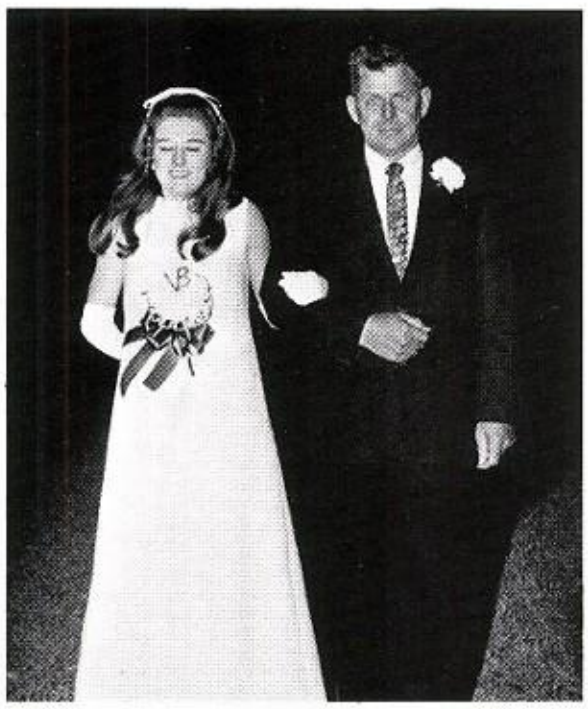

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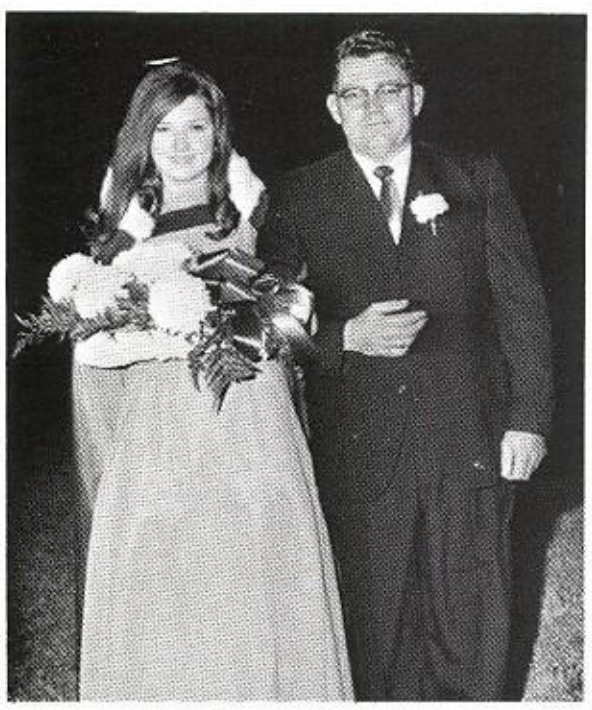

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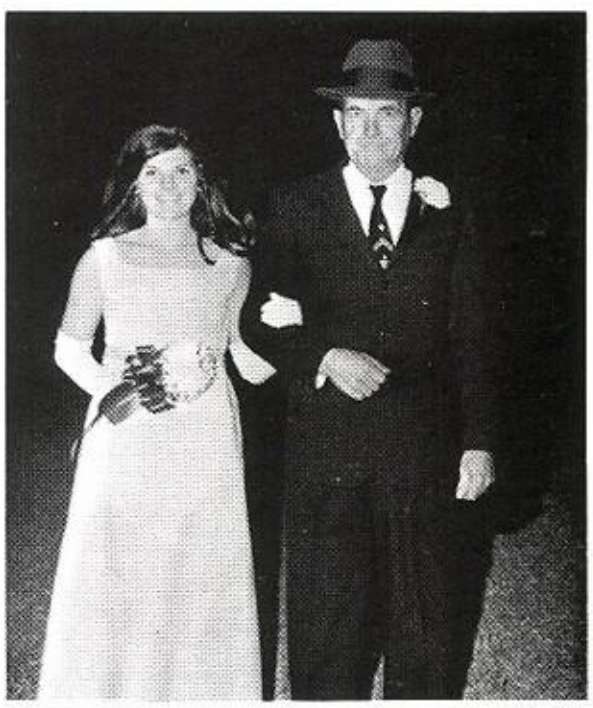

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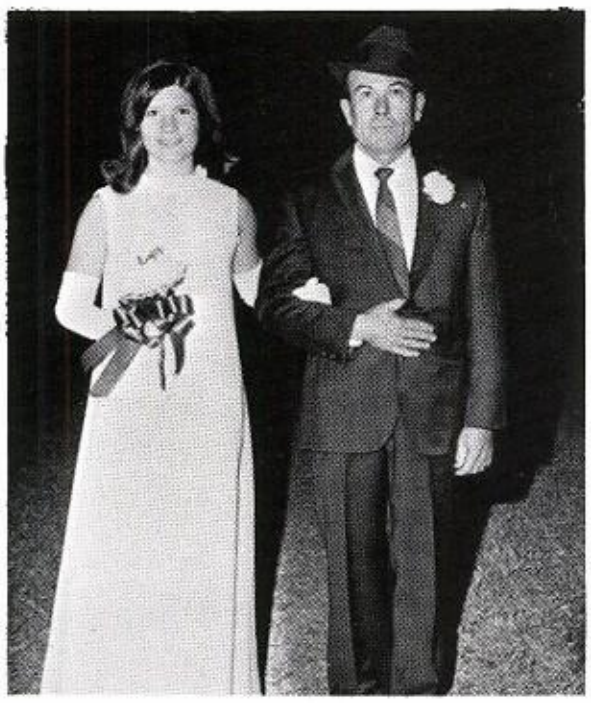

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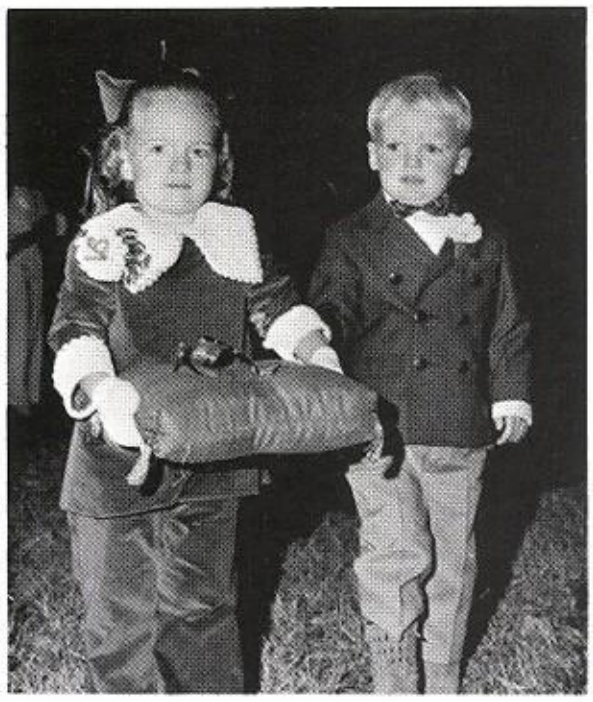

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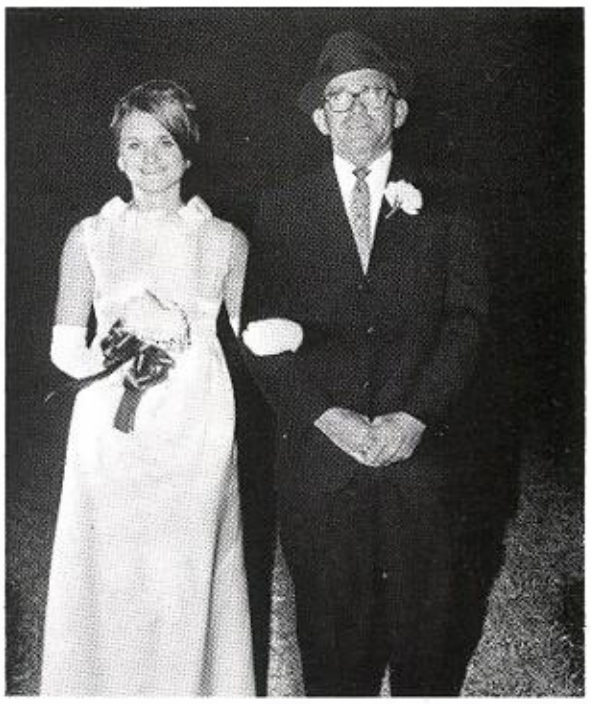

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'70 Cagemen Chalk Up Bright Season

"A Year for the Youth" or so the saying goes, as the 1969-70 Van Buren basketball Pointers had both the ups and downs of a young team with much sophomore and junior talent contributing to the effort. Not to be left out, however, was the fine group of seniors, whose experience helped bring about many victories. The team's enthusiasm was never higher, and the opponents were never tougher.

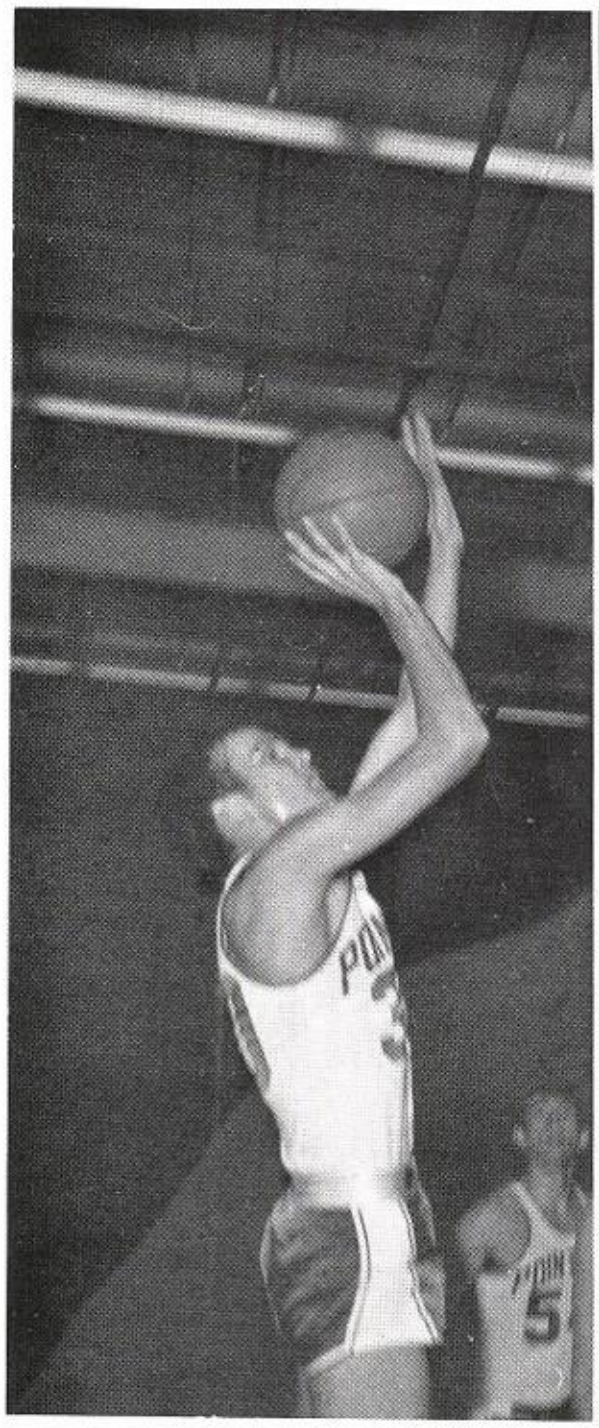
All the victories were hard fought, and many of the losses were never easy to lose, as the Dogs put forth their best efforts even in defeat. Many a time this season, the Pointers lost games that were not certain scorewise until the final buzzer. As experience will grow with time, the Pointers of tomorrow will be ready to match any team that they take on in years to come.

Coach Dickie James did a fine job with the Birddogs this year, as he has done every year as head coach. For Coach Clair Bates, it was another winning season for his "B" team, with their victories being shadows of things to come for future Pointer teams.

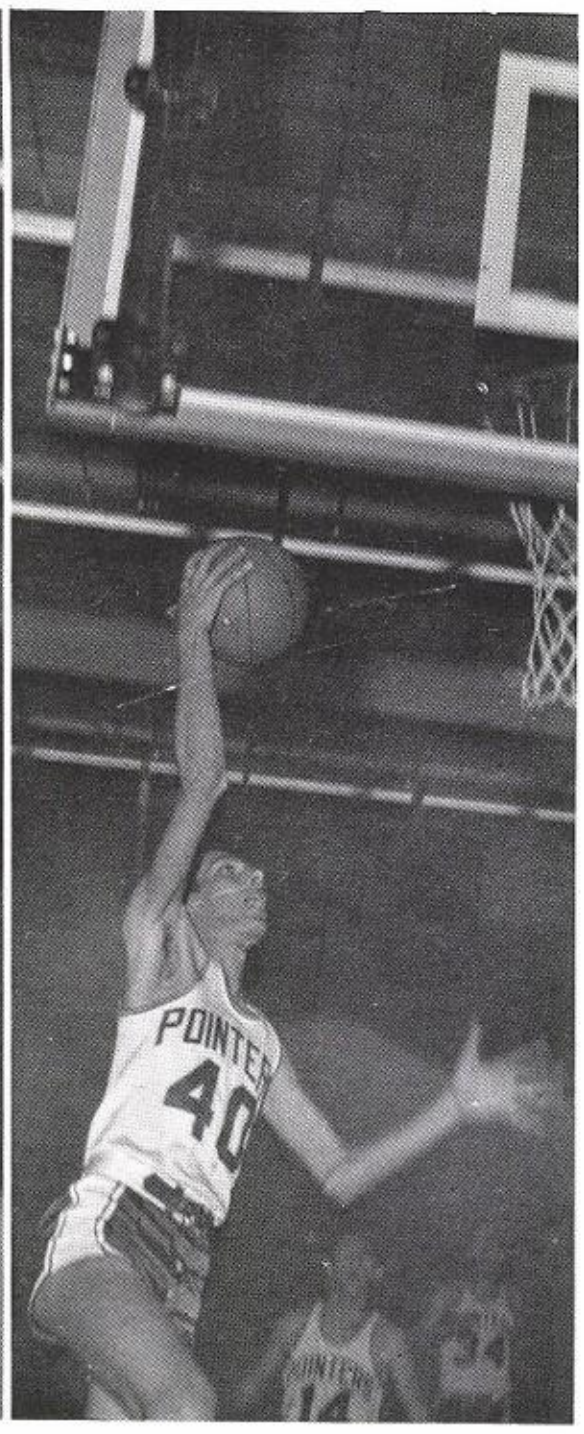
The season opened on December 2, and the Dogs found the season's greeting not a pleasant one as they lost a close one, the Panthers at Siloam Springs, 46-44. The Panthers rolled up points with the excellent shooting of 6' 4" Steve Hopkins, who gathered 26 points for his evening's efforts. The Pointers were doing a good job of containing Hopkins early in the game, with a 21-17 halftime lead over the Panthers. But Hopkins and the Panthers got rolling in the third and fourth periods, amassing 29 points in all and grabbing a two point victory. The top scorer for the Pointers was Steve Tanner with 16 points.

The "B" team opened the season on the brighter side, taking a 48-44 win over Siloam Springs. Robert Dean led all scorers with 13 points.

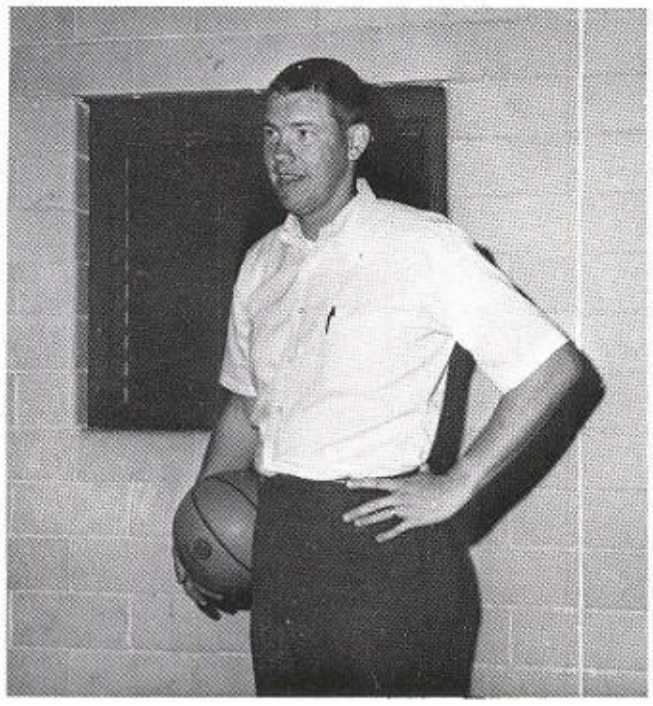
On December 4, the Pointers held their first home game, but lost to the Subiaco Trojans, 50-44. Though the Trojans stayed in front all the way, the score was consistently close. A pair of Pointer penalties coupled with some free throws gave Subiaco the winning margin. The Trojans' Jack Schulte led all scorers with 23 points.



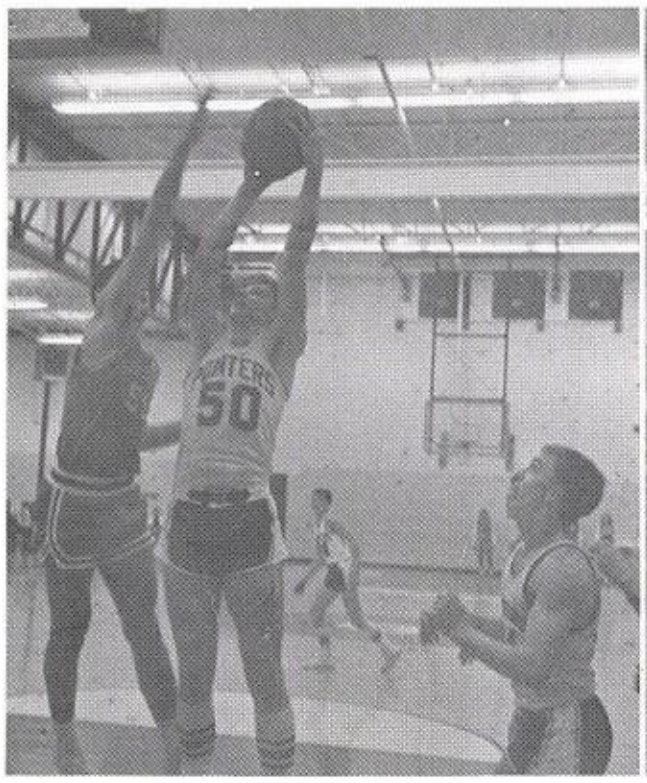
Pointer Bill Morton, senior, attempts a jump shot against Fort Smith St. Anne's. This was one of the many scores the Pointers "sunk" this season.



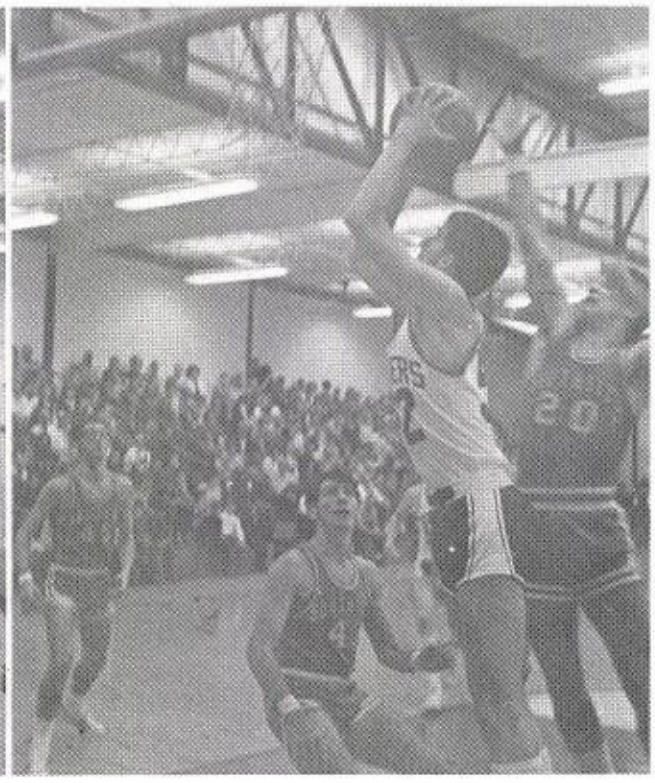
Senior Dennie Dillard leaps upward in an effort to score two points against the St. Anne's Buffaloes in a court battle at the Van Buren gym.



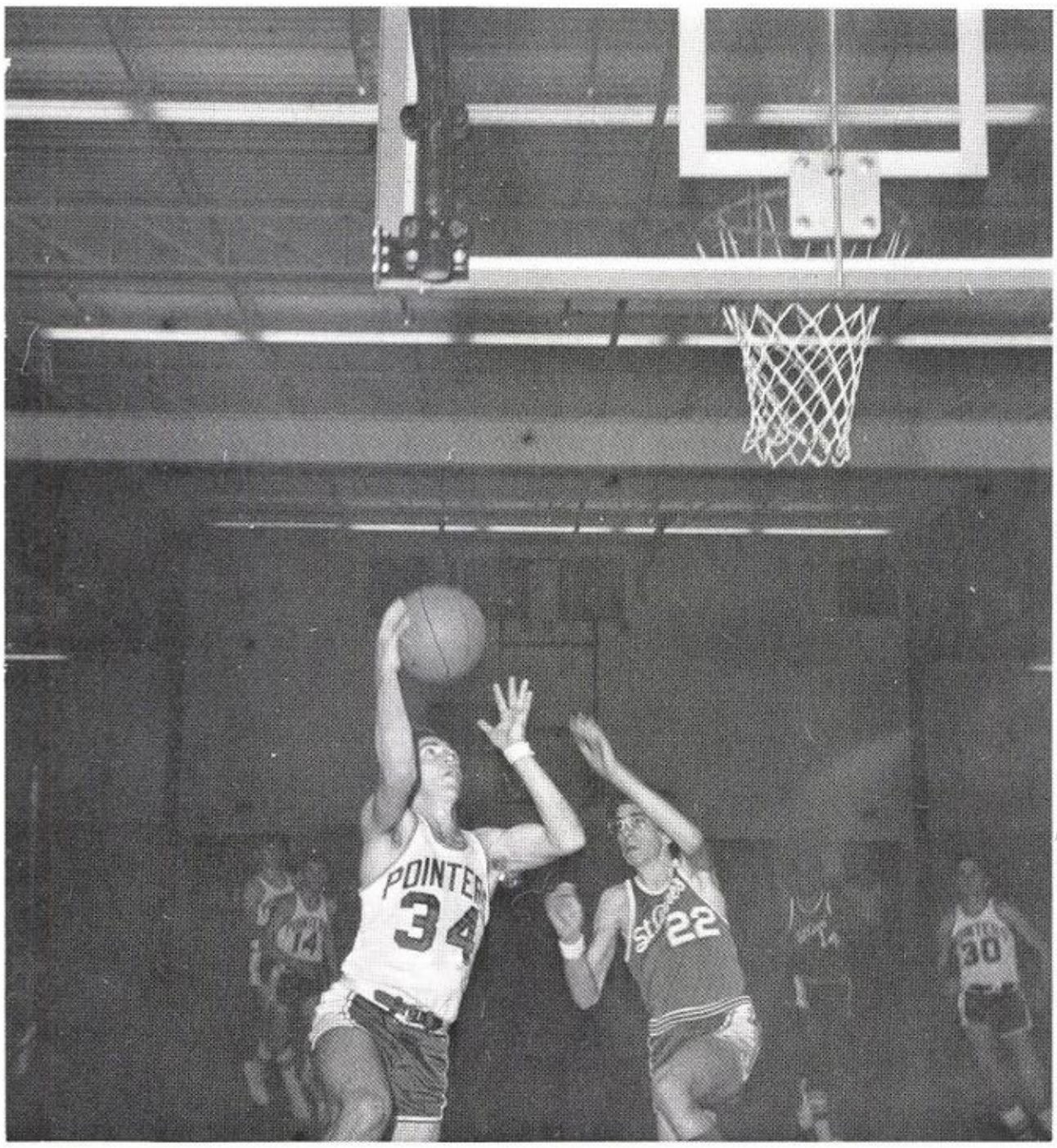
COACH DICKIE JAMES, head basketball coach, directed his team in hard-fought encounters with District 1-AA conference teams as well as other non-conference.



BUDDY WALTERS, senior post man for the Pointers, jumps and fires for two points against Fort Smith Southside. Standing by to assist is sophomore Brad Thomas.



JUNIOR FRANKIE TITSWORTH drives past a Rebel to register a scoring shot against Southside. The Rebs won the game, though, 69-49.



Sophomore Brad Thomas, being closed in by a Buff, executes a lay-up shot against St. Anne's, a 1A rival of the Dogs.

The "B" team found things no easier as they dropped a 38-34 decision to the Trojans. It just wasn't the Pointers' night all the way around.

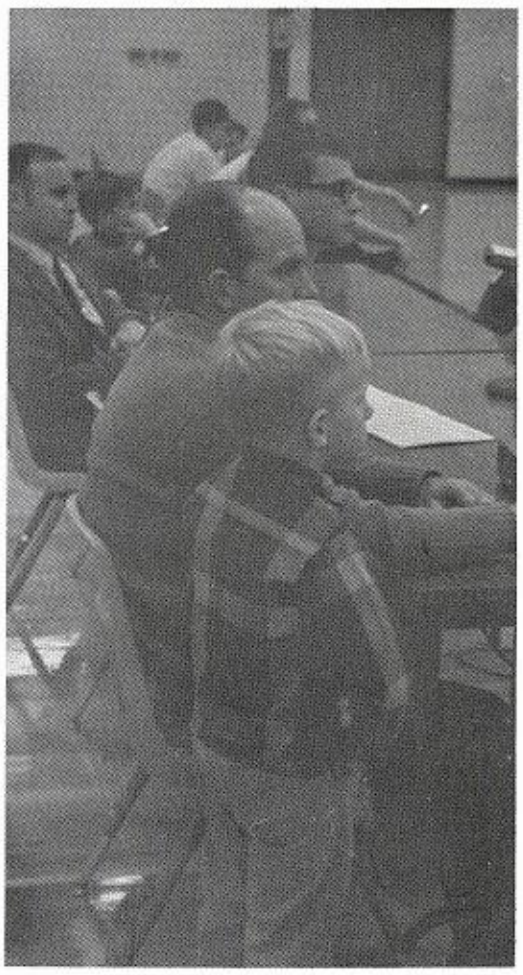
But victory finally smiled on the Birddogs, as they took their first conference victory of the year as they outclassed the Rogers Mountaineers, 69-49. After taking a 36-22 halftime advantage, the Dogs never let up as they took a commanding, 20 point margin victory over Rogers. The top scorers were all players on the Pointer squad.

The leaders were David Summerhill with 16 points, Buddy Walters with 14, and Richard Coombes with 12.

The "B" teamers also took a 20 point margin in victory as they put it to Rogers, 45-25.

The next week, the Pointers lost a seesaw game to Charleston's Tigers, 53-51. In the second half, the game was never any further apart than two points.

In defeat, the Pointers' ace post man, Buddy Walters, scored 23 points. Considering the efforts of the entire team, this was a really



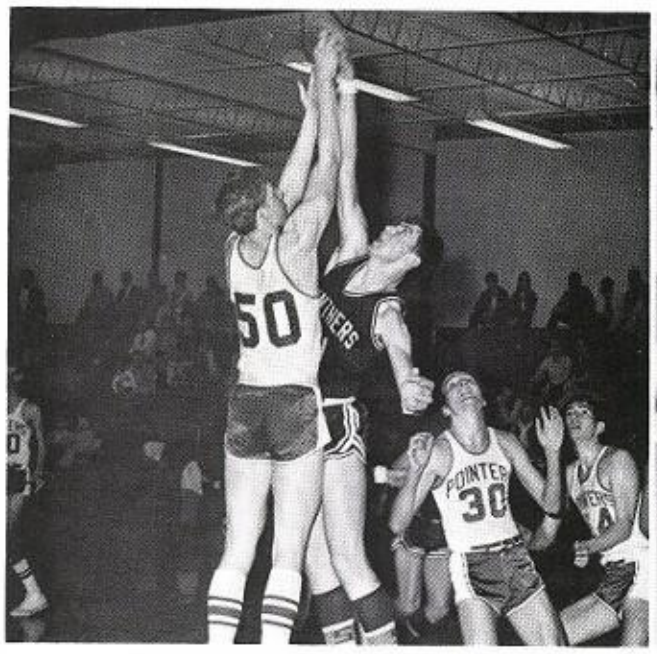
MR. JERRY DUNCAN is busy at his job as official timer at all Pointer home games. A basket by either team at the very moment the buzzer sounds can make all the difference in a game.

tough one to lose.

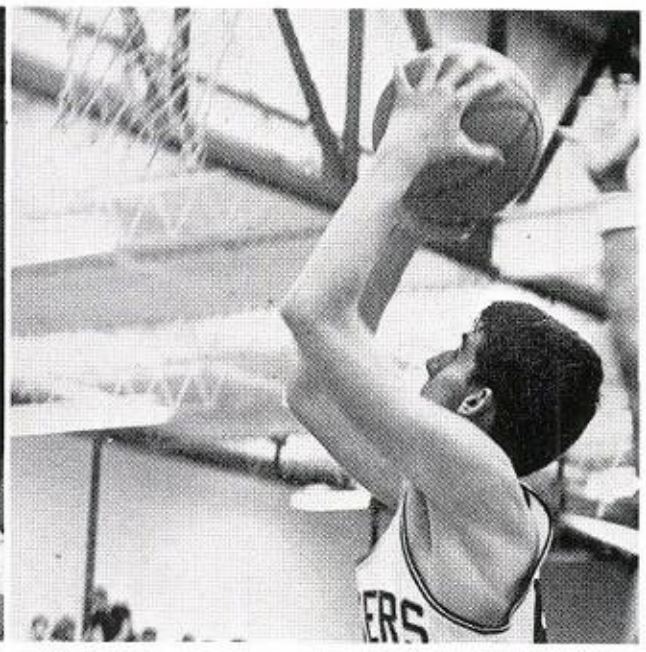
The "B" team also had a close game, but came out 28-26 victors. In what was a defensive game for the most part, Brad Thomas led all scorers with nine points.

In a game between two county rivals, the Pointers defeated the Alma Airedales, 51-49, on December 16. It was a close game all the way, but the Pointers' superior court power won out over the tough Airedales.

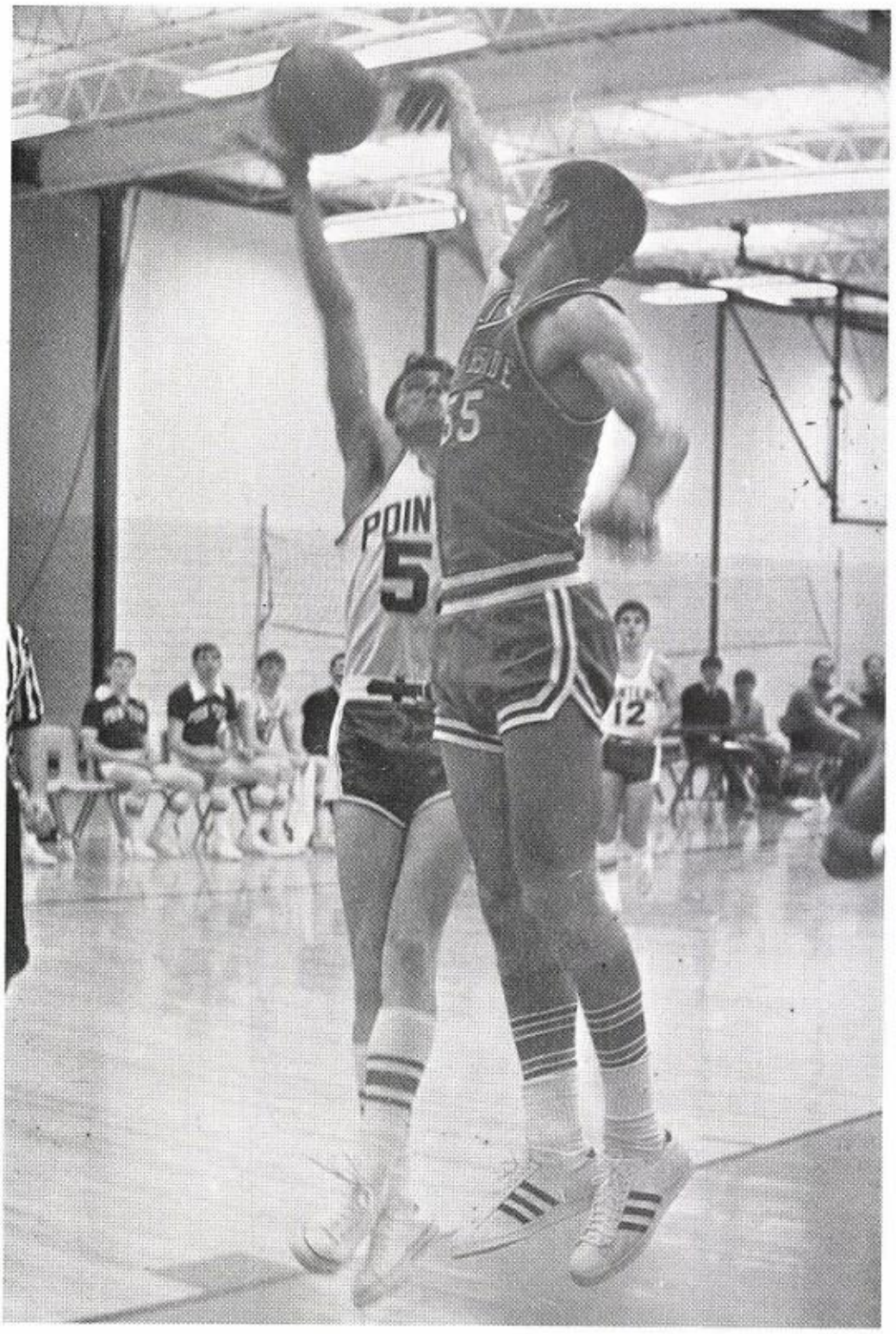
The "B" game followed in perfect stride with the "A" game, as the Dogs pulled out a close one, 31-29. This was the "B" team's fourth victory, and the "A" team's second.



SENIOR BUDDY WALTERS attempts a jump shot in a game against the Siloam Springs Panthers.



FRANKIE TITSWORTH, JUNIOR, with the basket nearly in his reach, prepares to drop the ball through the hoop for a goal against the Panthers.



FRANKIE TITSWORTH STRAINS to get the ball over the head of a Southside Reb for two points against the state's fourth ranked team.

Van Buren Basketball
Pointer Scoreboard

"A" Team

			VB	Opponents
Dec.	2	Siloam Springs	44	46
	4	Subiaco	44	50
	9	Rogers	69	49
	11	Charleston	51	53
	16	Alma	51	49
	19	FS Southside	49	69
	22	FS St. Anne's	46	39
Jan.	6	Charleston	44	50
	13	Russellville	41	55
	16	FS Southside	40	73
	19	FS St. Anne's	38	41
	23	Alma	30	45
	26	Rogers	56	42
	27	Alma	48	65
Feb.	3	Huntsville	44	62
	6	Mountain Home	42	47
	10	Subiaco	46	48
	13	Harrison	40	64

"B" Team

			VB	
Dec.	2	Siloam Springs	48	44
	4	Subiaco	34	38
	9	Rogers	45	25
	11	Charleston	28	26
	16	Alma	31	29
	19	FS Southside	33	31
	22	FS St. Anne's	43	26
Jan.	6	Charleston	39	33
	13	Russellville	41	42
	16	FS Southside	39	41
	19	FS St. Annes	43	26
	23	Alma	37	21
	26	Rogers	40	15
Feb.	3	Huntsville	37	34
	6	Mountain Home	49	39
	10	Subiaco	35	43
	13	Harrison	26	28

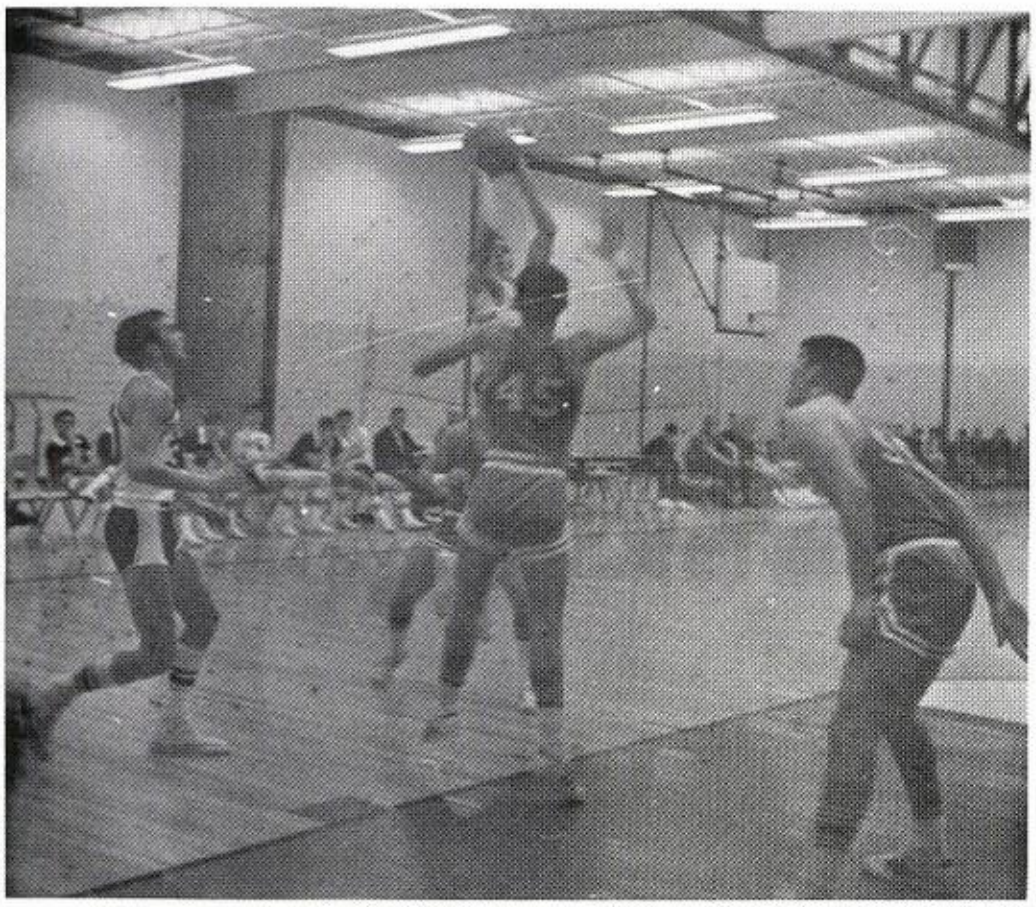
In what was the first decisive loss for the Birddogs, the Fort Smith Southside Rebels outplayed the Pointers in a 69-49 romp. The AAA Rebs, ranked fourth in the state at the time, displayed their strong style of basketball as their center, 6' 4" Jim Hamilton, scored 25 points in a convincing victory for the Rebs. This was one of the Pointers roughest games.

However, the "B" Pointers pulled the upset of the night as they beat the Johnny Rebs, 33-31. Close though the game was, it was a well earned victory for the Pointers.

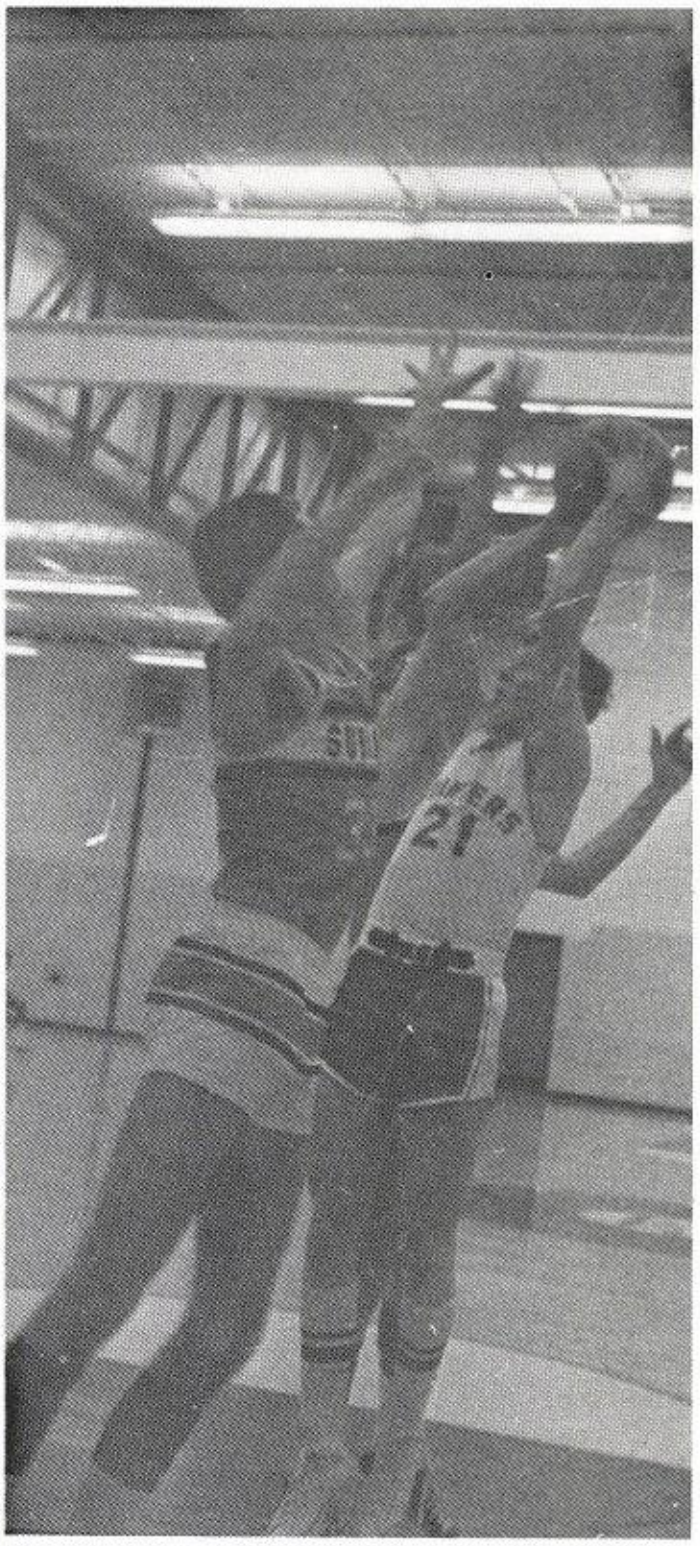
On December 22, with the yuletide spirit in the air, the Pointers celebrated Christmas three days early as they defeated the Fort Smith St. Anne's Buffaloes, 43-39. After trailing 24-21 at the half, the Dogs came back strong in the third period, turning on the defense, halting the Buffs' high scoring Ed Valley and Jim Borengasser from finding the basket. Then, in the fourth period, the Birddogs pulled it out with the shooting of David Summerhill and Buddy Walters. Summerhill led the Dogs in scoring with 17 points, followed by Walters.

The Dogs' "B" squad also received a Christmas gift by defeating the Jr. Buffs earlier in the evening.

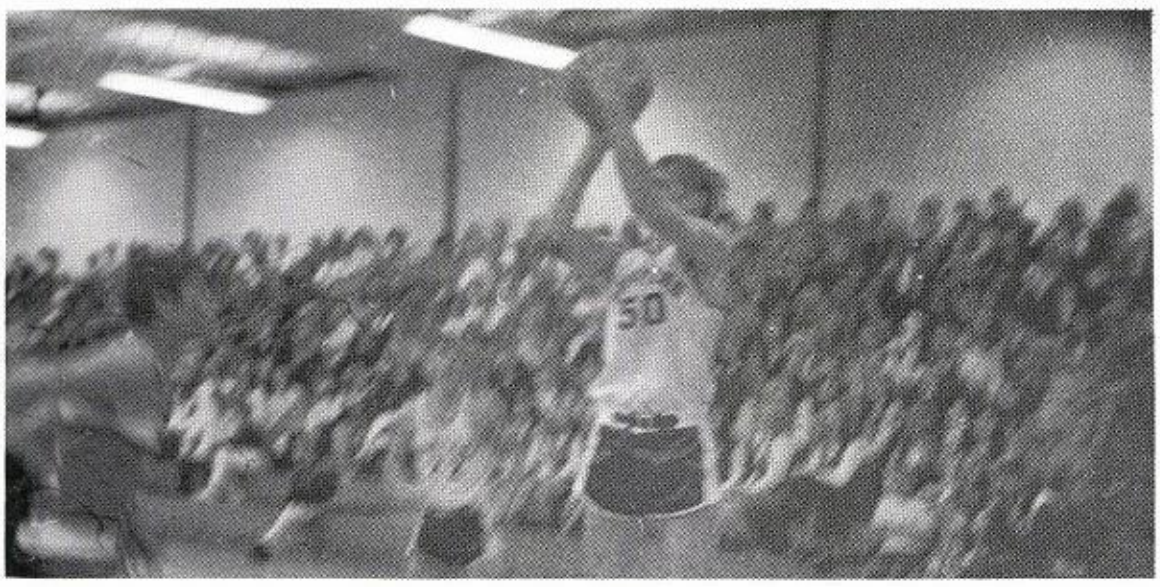
But it was far from a happy new year as penalties riddled the Pointers on January 6 as they lost to the Charleston Tigers, 50-44. With the game tied at 44-44, with 1:20 left in the game, following a two point tying score by Bill Morton, two key penalties resulted in free throws for the Tigers which wrapped it up for Charleston. The Dogs' leading scorer, Steve Tanner, had 13 points.



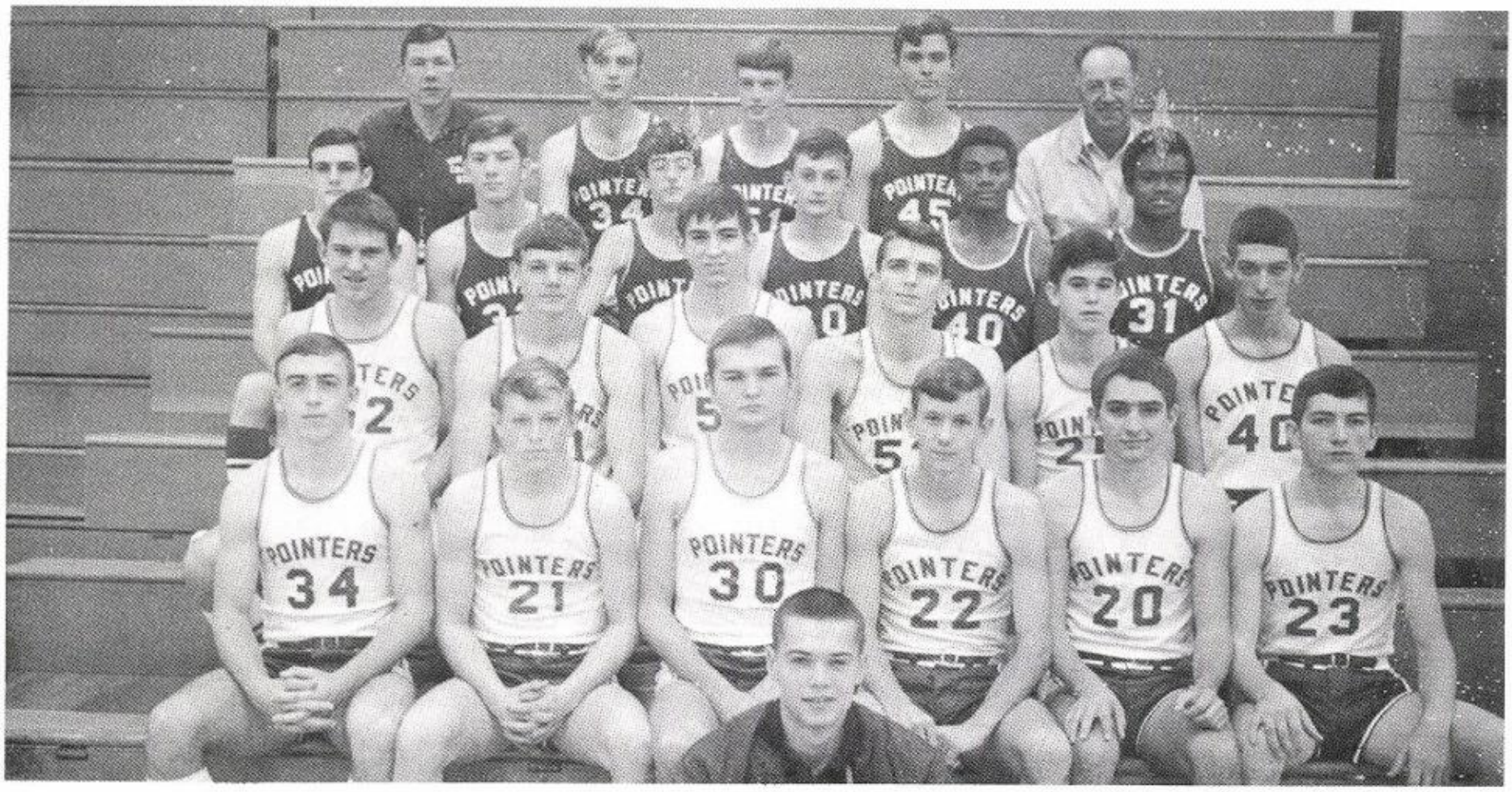
BRAD THOMAS FINDS that he must nearly hurdle over his opponent to set up a jump shot against Southside.



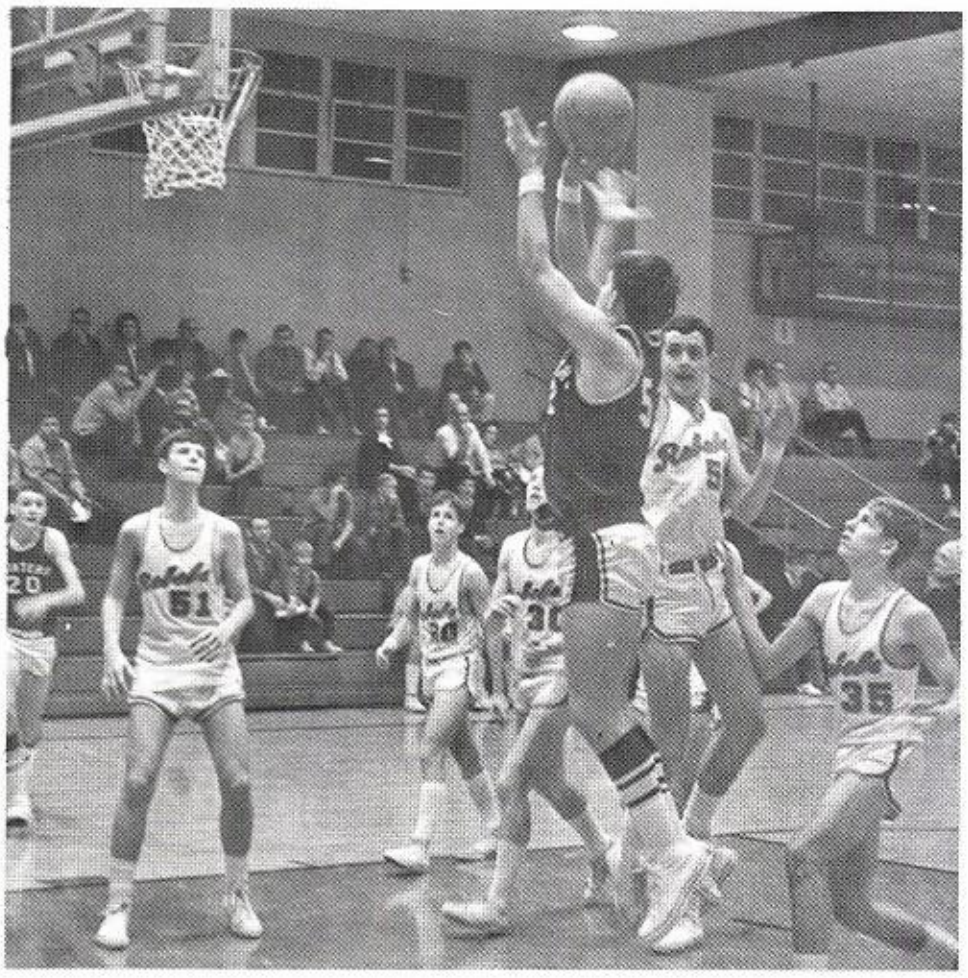
DAVID SUMMERHILL IGNORES the shroud of Trojans to shoot for two points against Subiaco. Van Buren lost, however, 50-44.



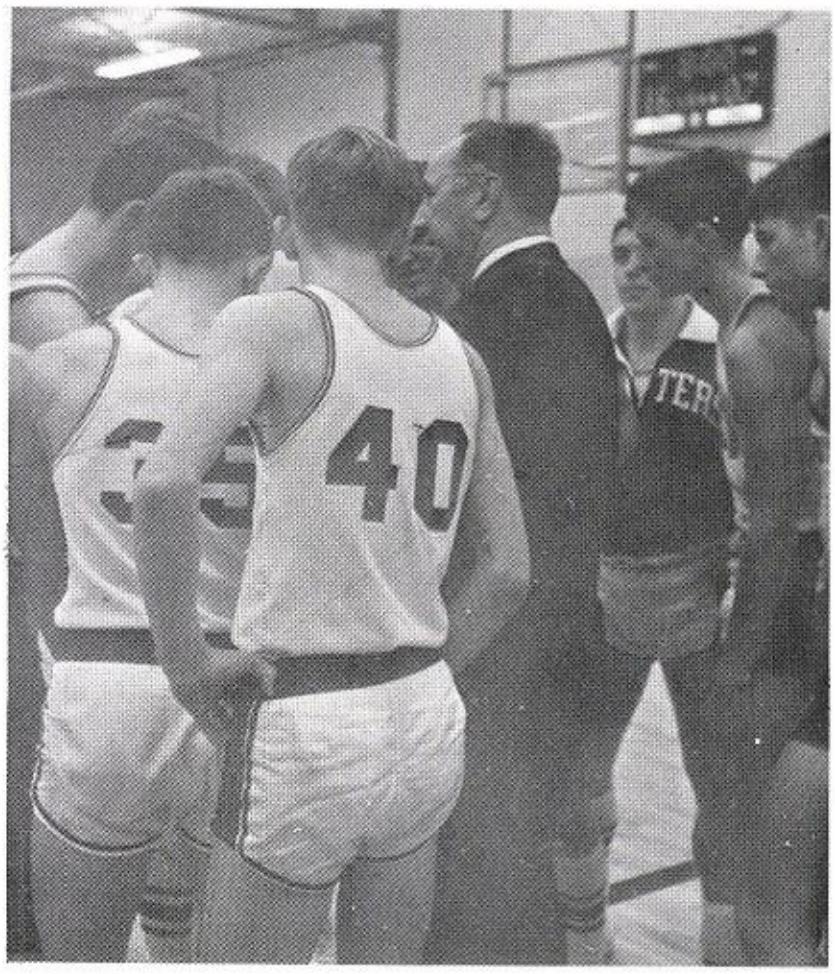
BUDDY WALTERS, THE Pointers' top scorer, tries a jump shot over the head of a Subiaco guard.



Basketball Squad: Manager, Ralph Ball. (Front Row) Brad Thomas, David Summerhill, Bill Morton, Richard Coombes, David Vandergriff, Danny Bates. (Second Row) Robert Dean, Buddy Walters, Nelson Ballard, Frankie Titsworth, Steve Tanner, Dennie Dillard. (Third Row) Jimmy Gunn, Jimmy Reed, Brad Ball, Kenny Thompson, Ken Jordan, Mike Norwood. (Back Row) Coach Dickie James, Gary Ramsey, Eddie Richmond, Steve Medlock, Coach Clair Bates.



ROBERT DEAN LEAPS above two Southside players to sink a jump shot during the Pointers' rematch with the AAA power.



COACH CLAIR BATES, "B" team head coach, has a last minute conference with his players on the bench before the start of a big game.

DAVID SUMMERHILL OUT early in the season with a leg injury, is shown here in a game with the Bentonville Tigers. He helped give the team a fast start.

Wendall Brodie
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Brad Ball
Robert Dean

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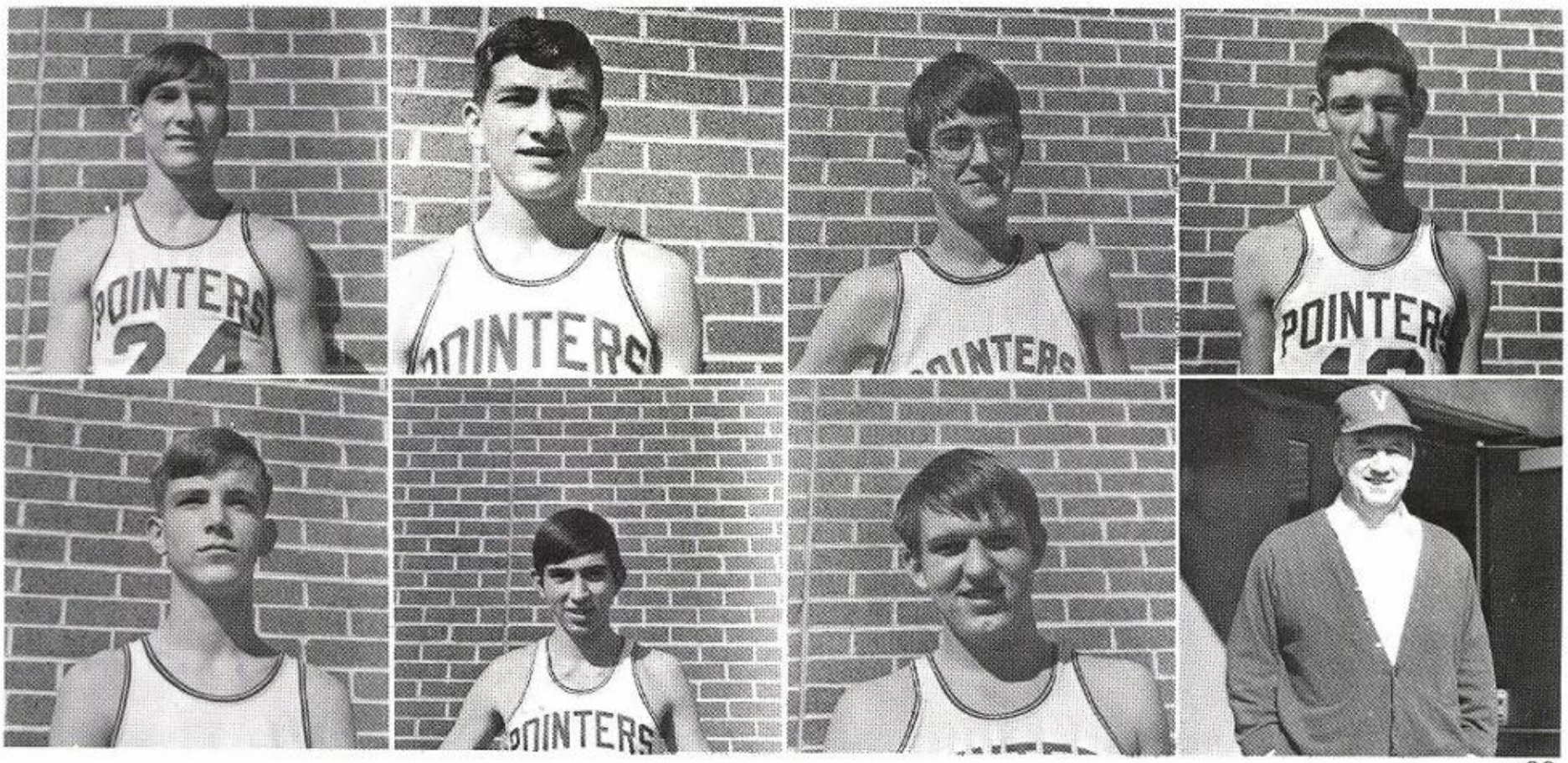

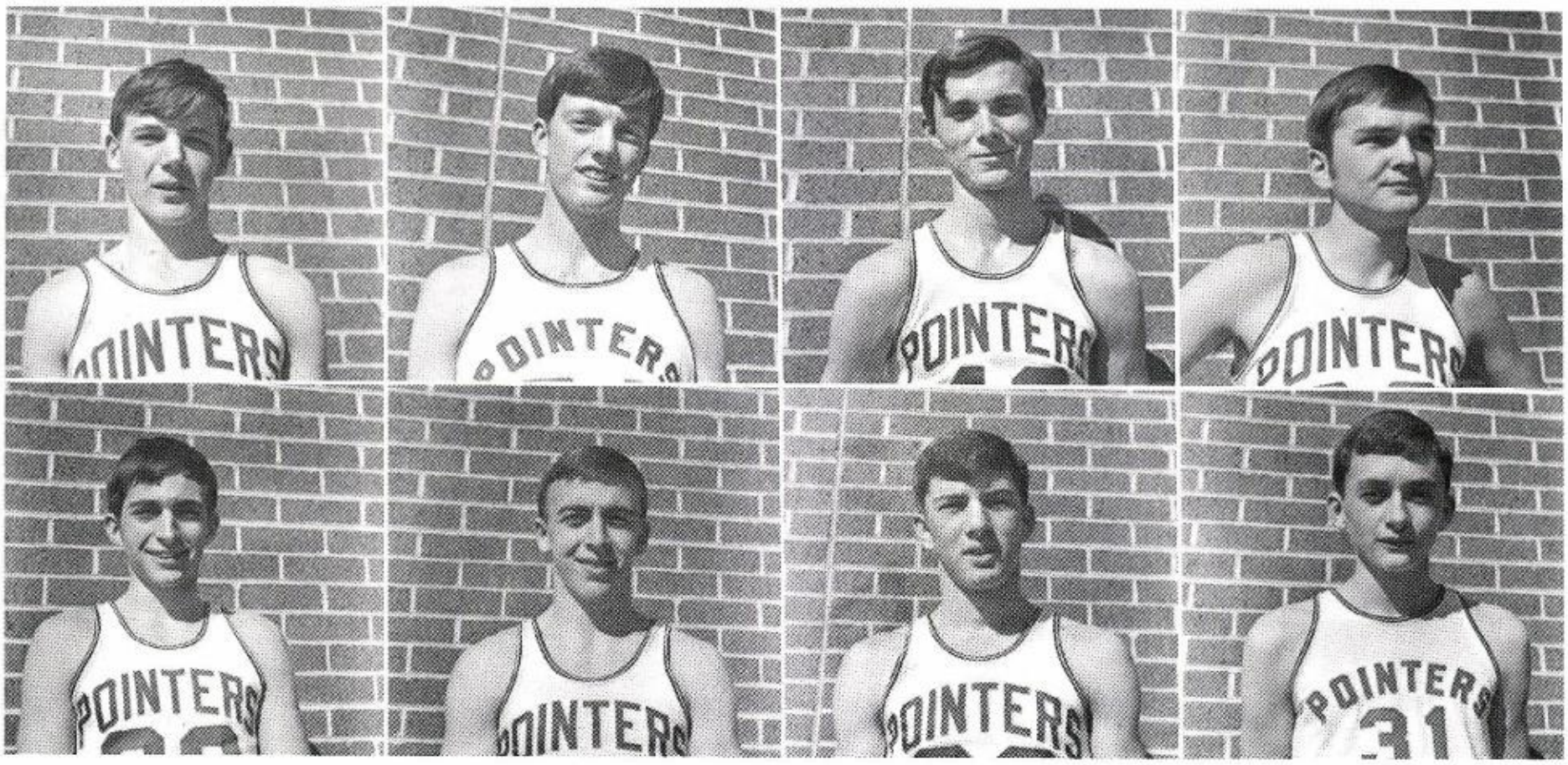

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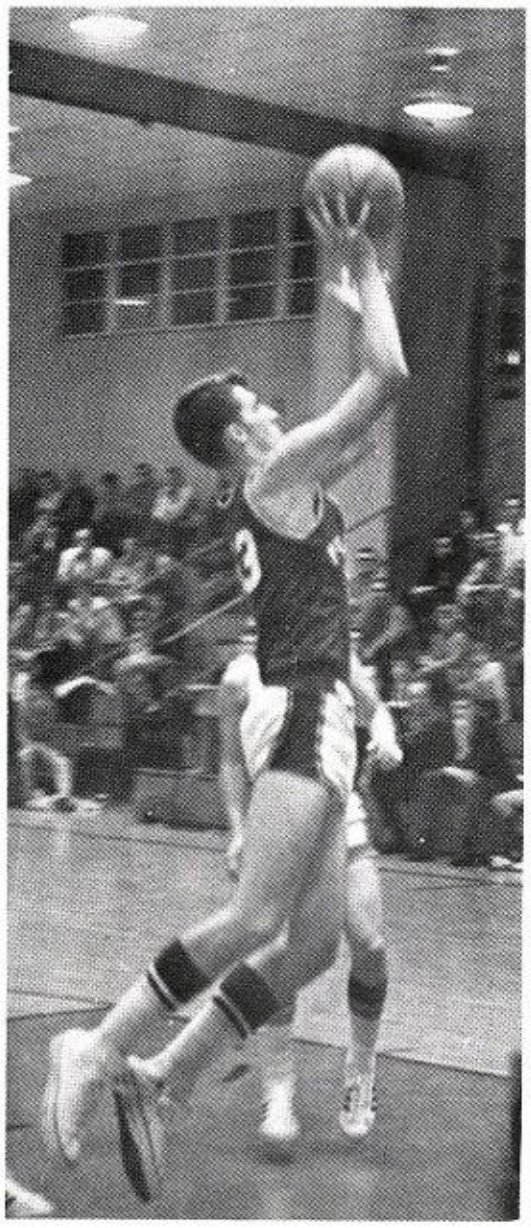
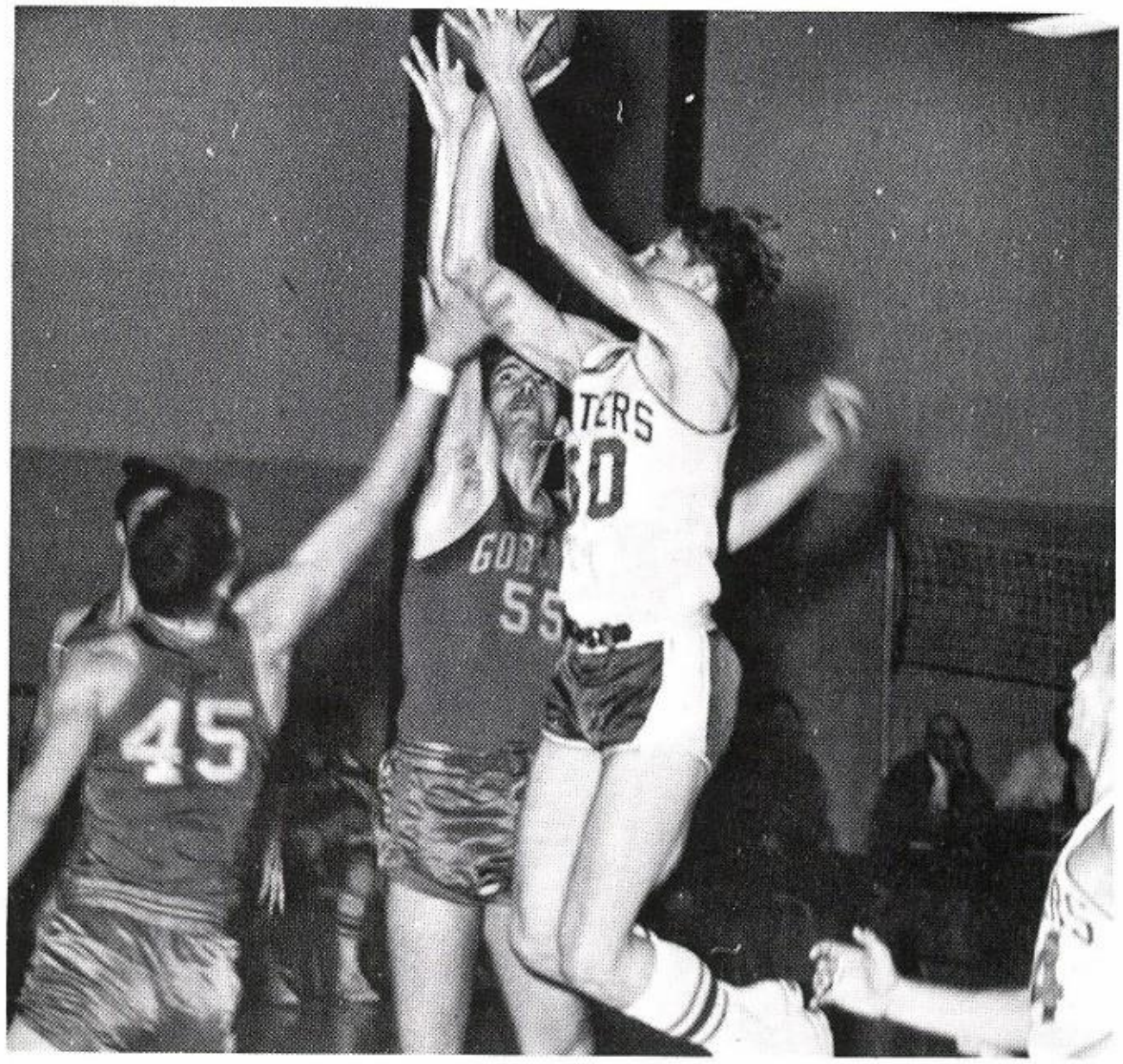
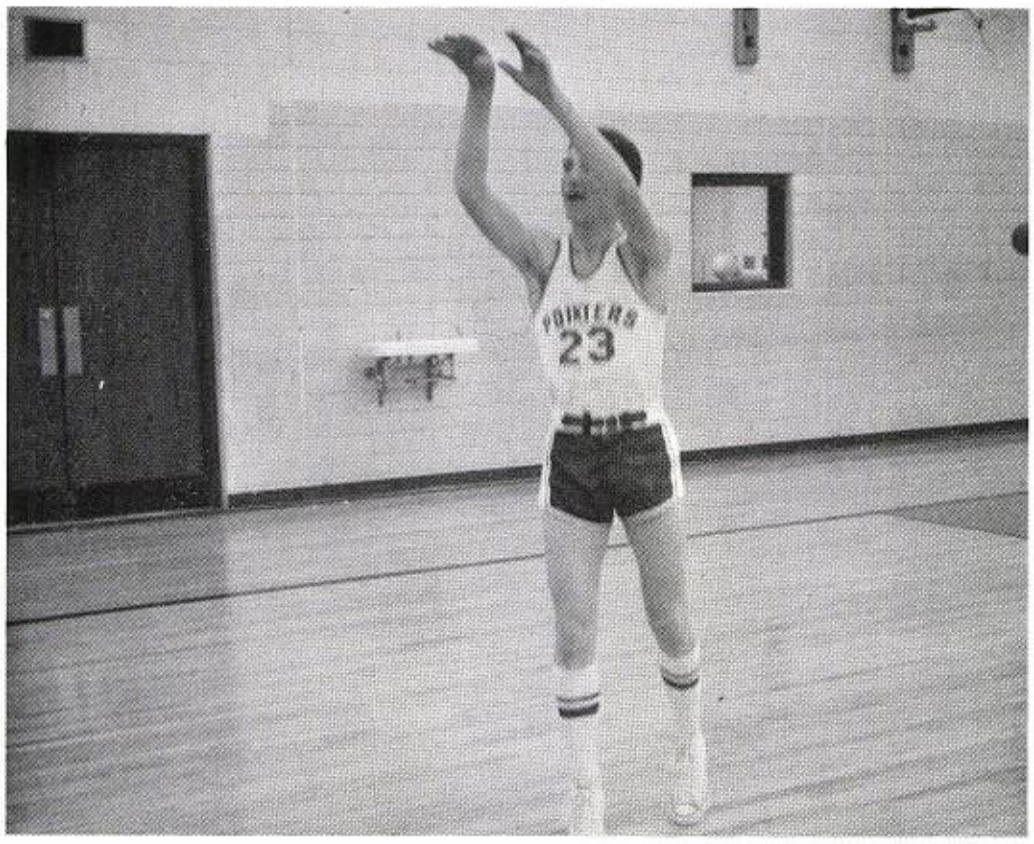


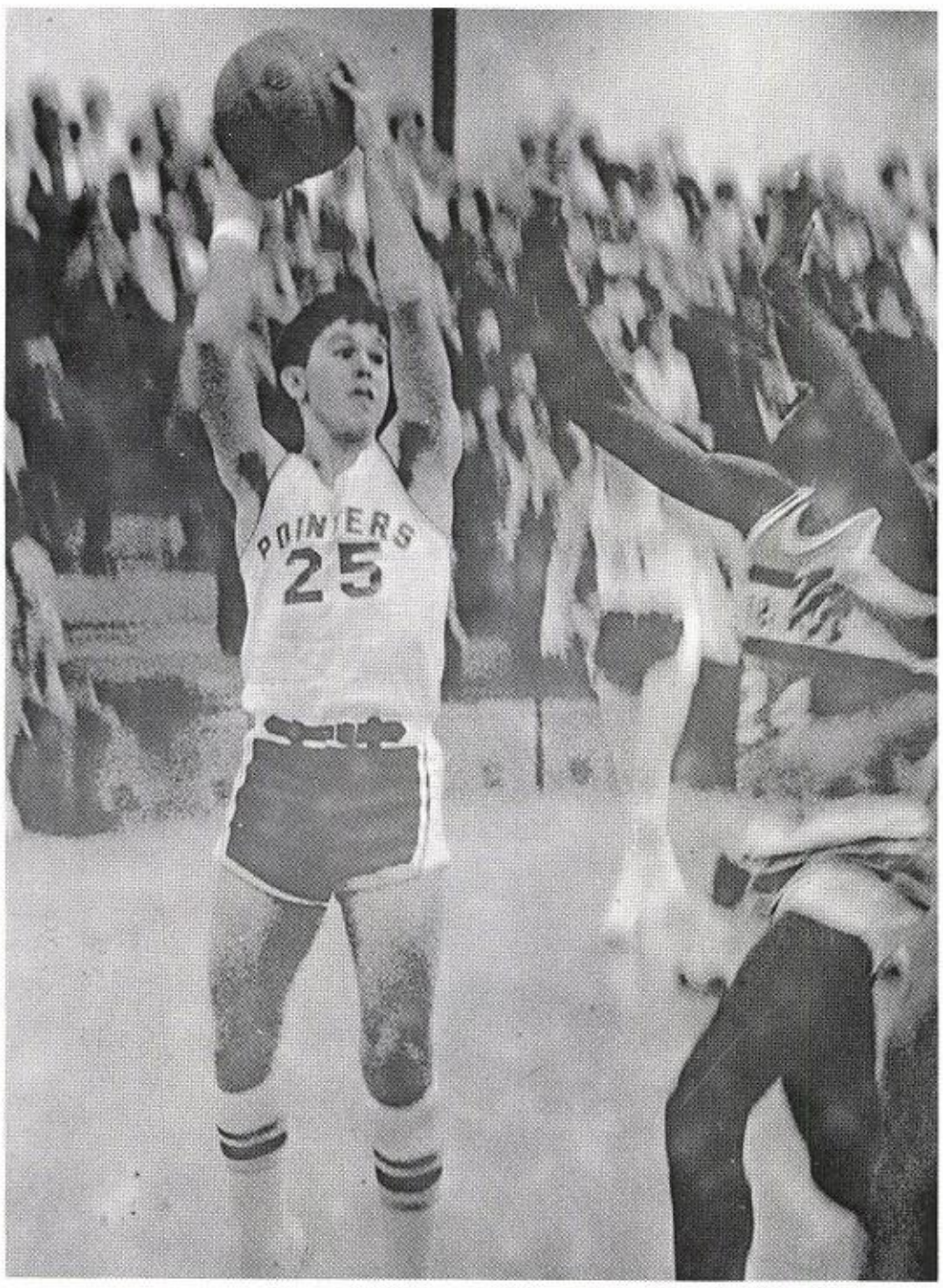
POINTER, FRANKIE TITSWORTH leaps upward to get one in for Van Buren.



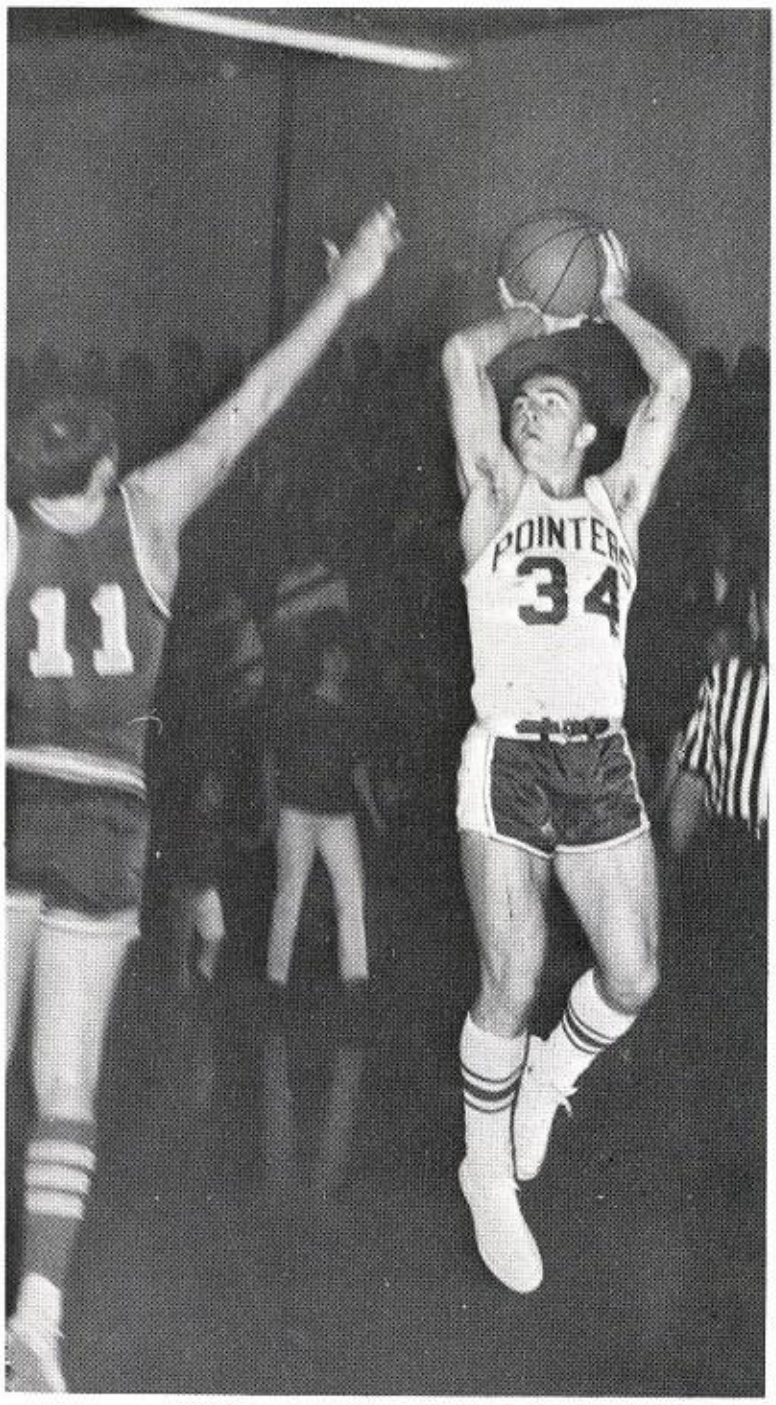
BUDDY WALTERS OUT JUMPS all, as he strains to get the ball over the outstretched hand of a Goblin.



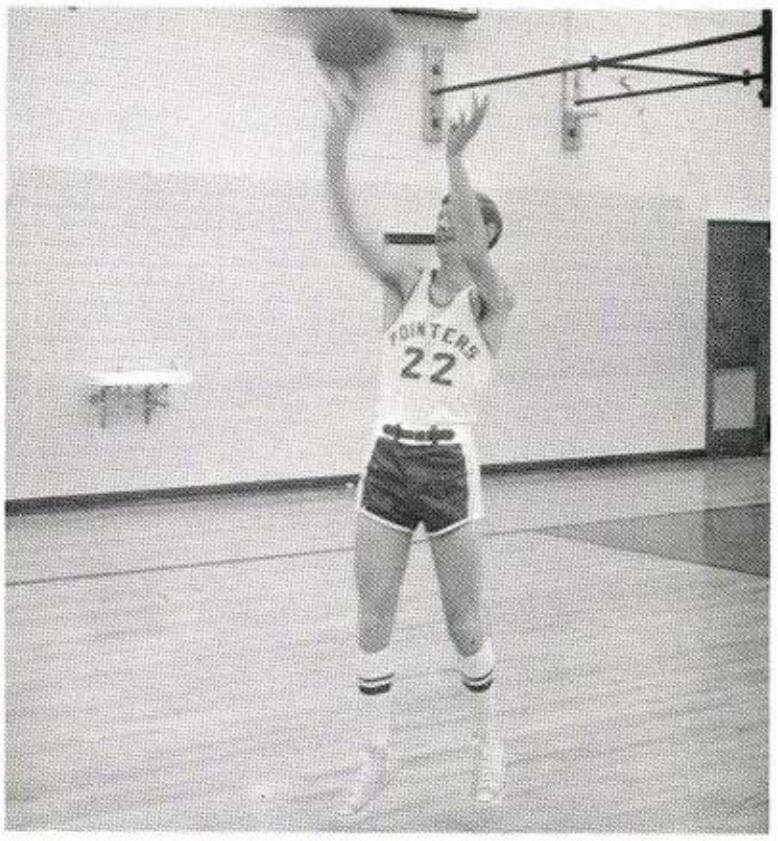
SENIOR DANNY BATES tries two-hand set shot as the Pointers go through pre-game warm-ups.



EYING THE GOAL, Steve Tanner prepares to pass the ball to a teammate as he is cornered by a Subiaco Trojan opponent. Photographers used a special technique to get a special shot.



BRAD THOMAS, SOPHOMORE B—teamer seems to be all up in the air as he attempts a jump shot against a Rogers defender.



RICHARD COOMBES WORKS on his jump-shot accuracy in readiness for an upcoming game.

Queen Sissie Freeman Guides Royalty

King Ralph Ball crowns Queen Sissie Freeman between the games at Harrison, February 13.

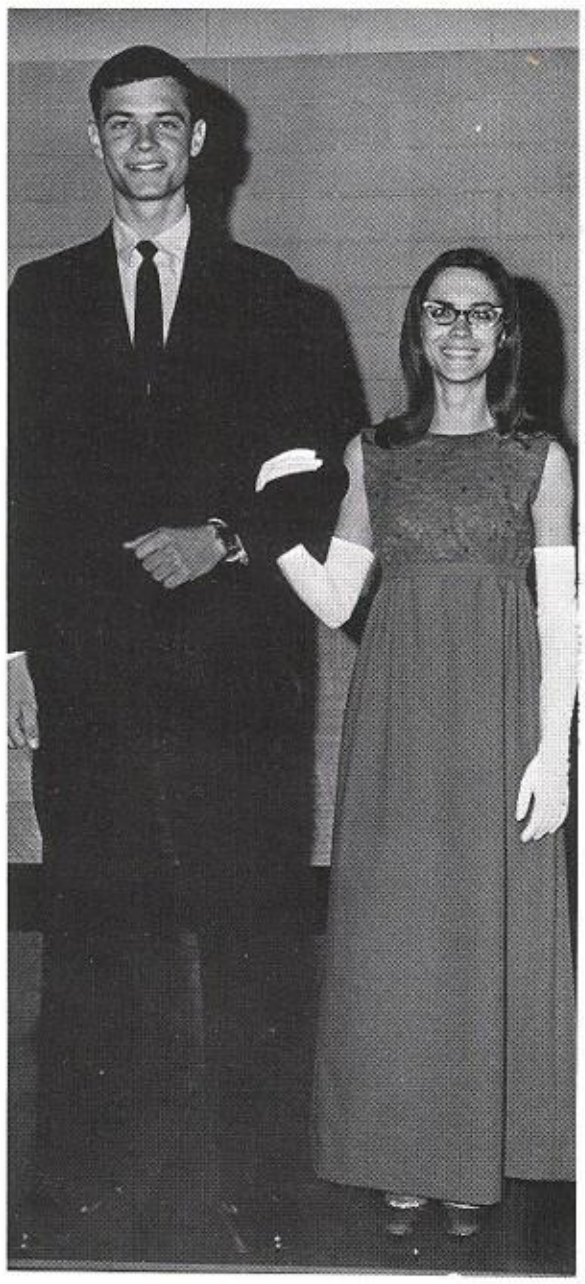
Senior Sissie Freeman reigned as queen over this year's Valentine court with Ralph Ball as King. Ralph crowned Sissie during Valentine festivities between the games with Harrison, February 13, and during a pep assembly earlier in the day.

Senior Gary Bowen escorted Maid of Honor Lynn Preston. Junior maids Martha Cathey and Mary Sue Reed were escorted by Olin Smith and Mike Thompson, respectively.

Sophomores were Margie Fontaine escorted by David Deal and Barbara Wilson escorted by Mike Parks.

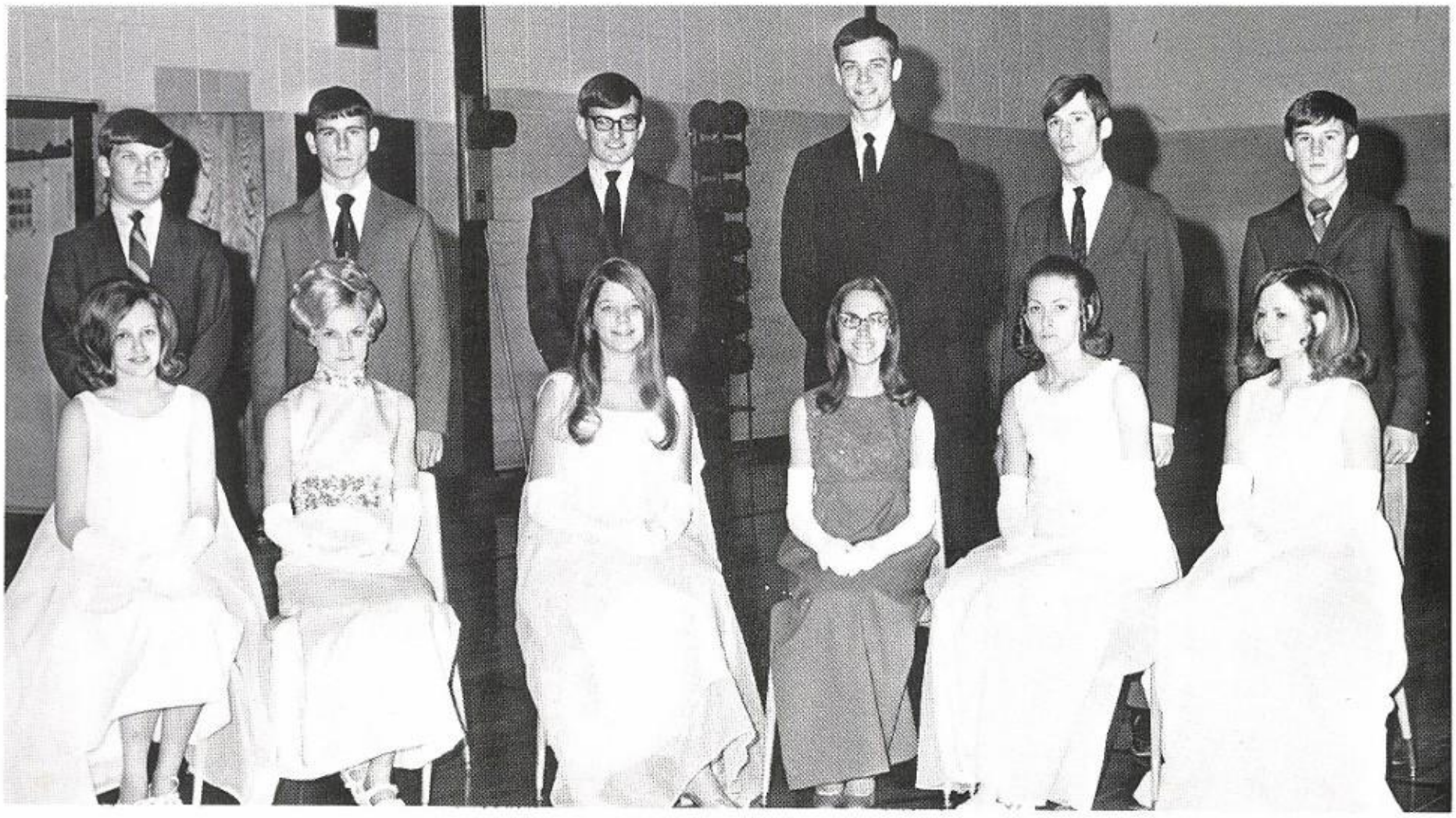
The Student Council-sponsored dance after the game featured the "Rock Island" band.

This year's members of the Valentine court were chosen on the basis of service to the school.

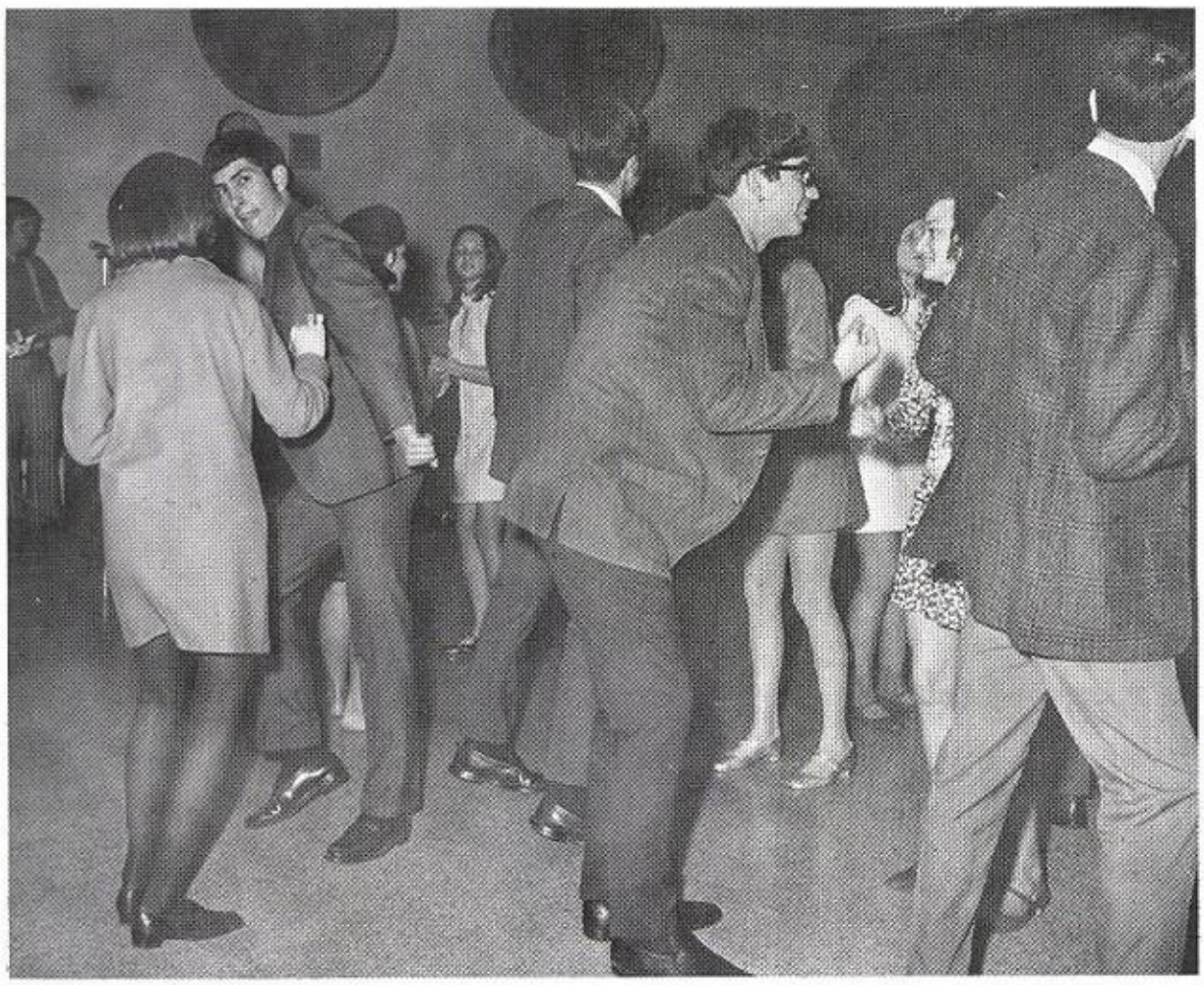


Queen Sissie Freeman and King Ralph Ball pose for the photographer during their rounds through the gym.

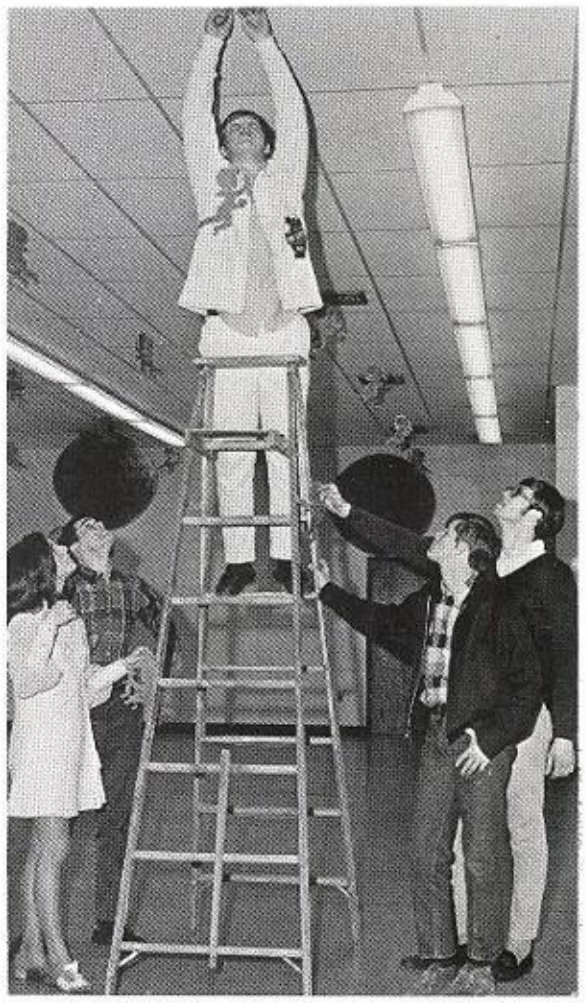
Through Colorful Valentine Celebrations



1969-70 VALENTINE ROYALTY: (Seated, left to right) Margie Fontaine, Martha Cathey, Lynn Preston, Sissie Freemen, Mary Sue Reed. (Standing, left to right) Mike Parks, Olin Smith, Gary Bowen, Ralph Ball, Mike Thompson, David Neal.



VB students dance to the sound of the "Rock Island" at the Valentine dance after the game.



Students prepare for the Valentine dance with cupids.

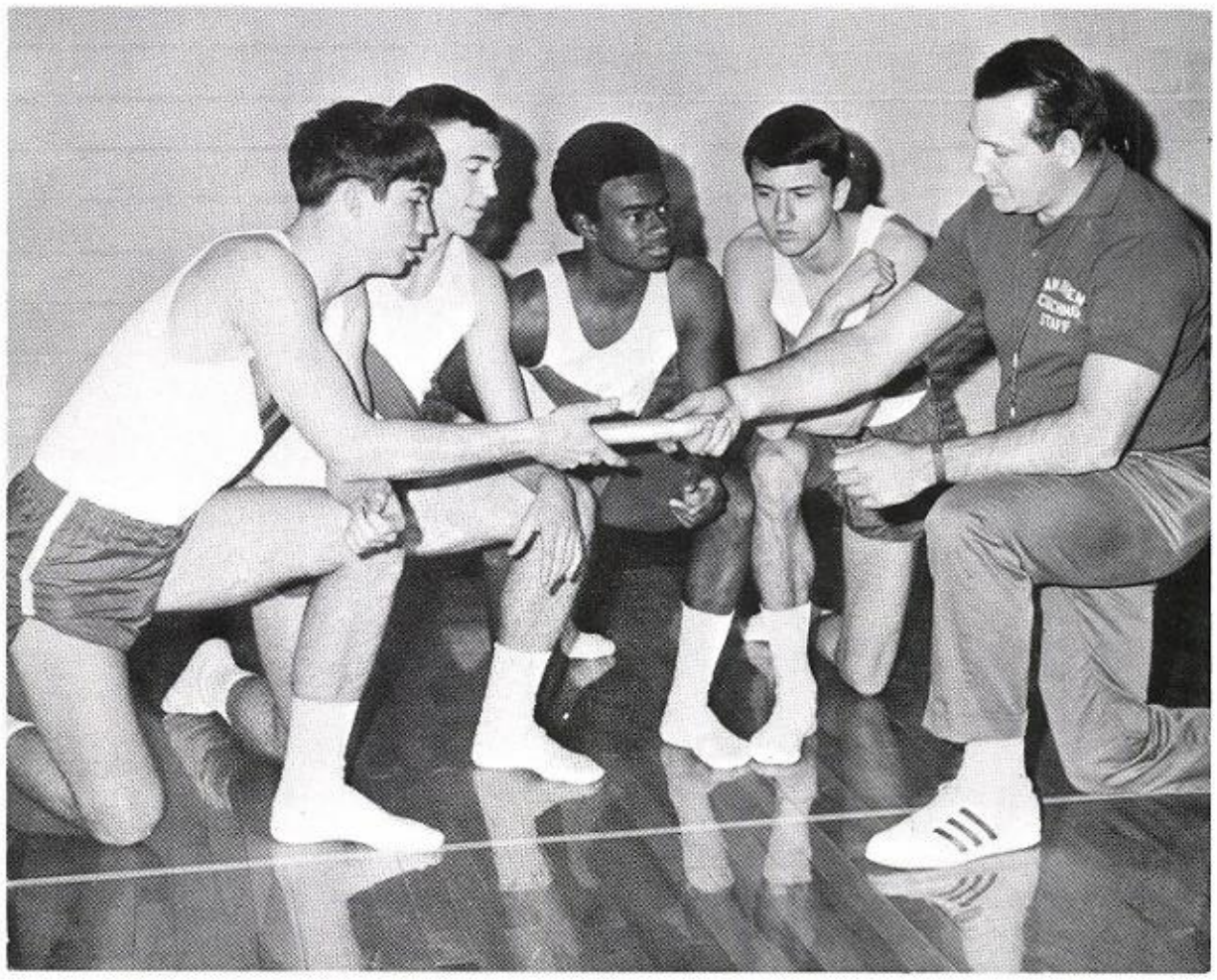
FIRST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT. David Davis, Ralph Ball, Mike Jones, Sandy Ragge, Ken Jorden, Lynn Healy. 2nd row Randy McDaniels, Brad Ball, Mike Norwood, Brad Thomas, John Sagely, Bill Landsdell, Jack Servold, Frank Bowdoin. 3rd row David Vandergriff, Damon Bowdoin, Mike Parks, David Cathy, Bob Martin, Coach W. E. Hawthorne.

Season Successful Under New Coach

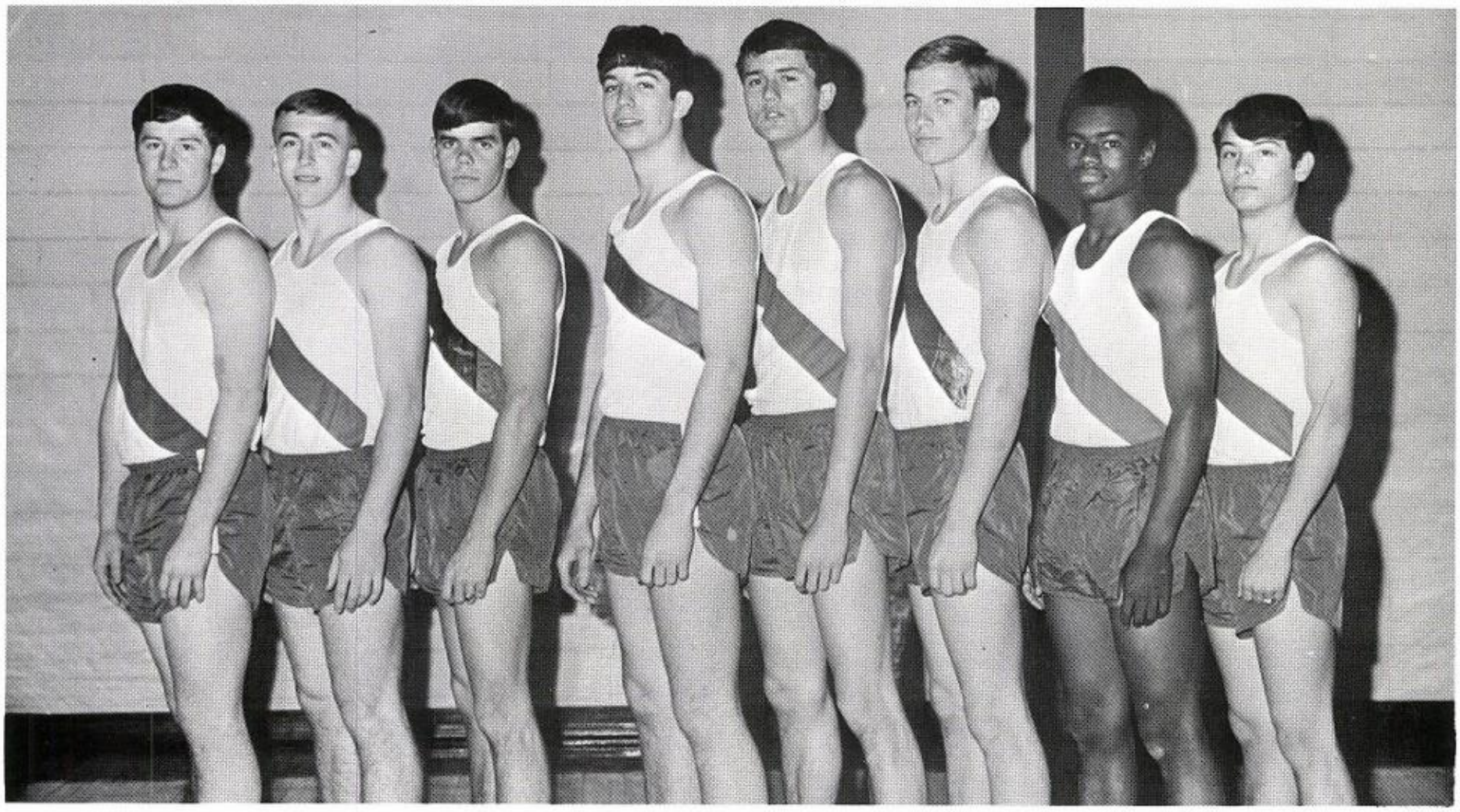
Since the time of ancient Greece, one of man's oldest sports or forms of athletic competition has been track and field competition. At Van Buren, the track and field program, coached by Mr. W. E. Hawthorne, has been very successful. Over the years it has had many fine, athletic achievements by its teams.

Besides winning numerous trophies from track meets and various relays, there have been achievements by Van Buren athletes in shot put and discus throwing.

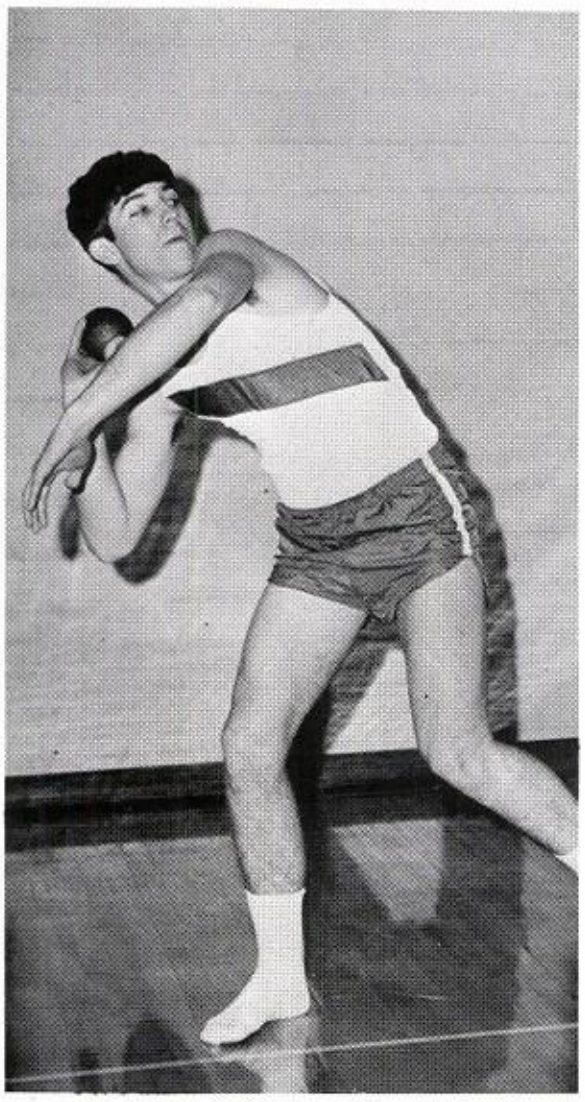
The success of a track team lies not only in fast runners, but physical conditioning is of vital importance as to the success of a team. Coach Hawthorne directs a rigid conditioning program as daily, the runners practice 40, 50, or 100 yard dashes to keep in top shape. At a track meet, physical condition can make the difference between victory and last place.



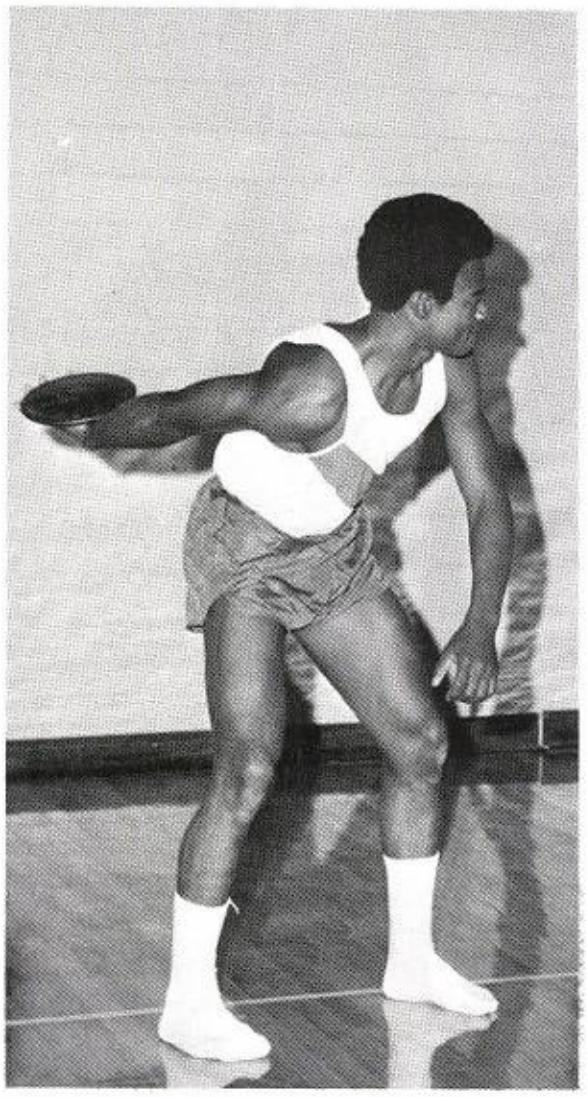
HEAD TRACK COACH W. E. Hawthorne explains the finer points of passing the baton to the sprint relay team.



THESE EIGHT THINCLAD ENTHUSIASTS HEADED up this year's sprinting and relays for the 1970 track team at Van Buren.



MIKE JONES SHOWS his special form in throwing the shot-put.



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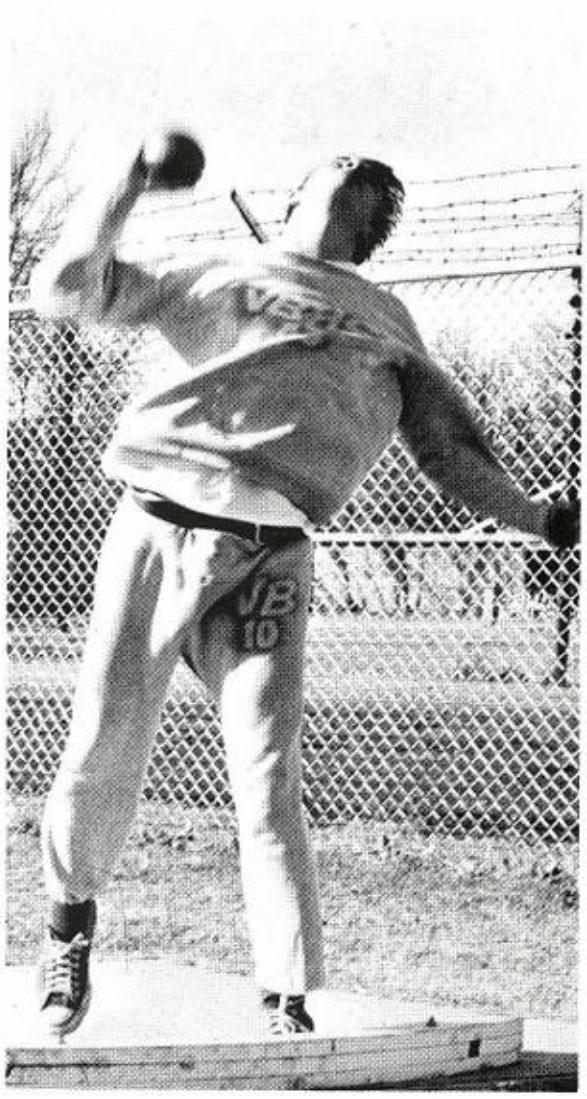
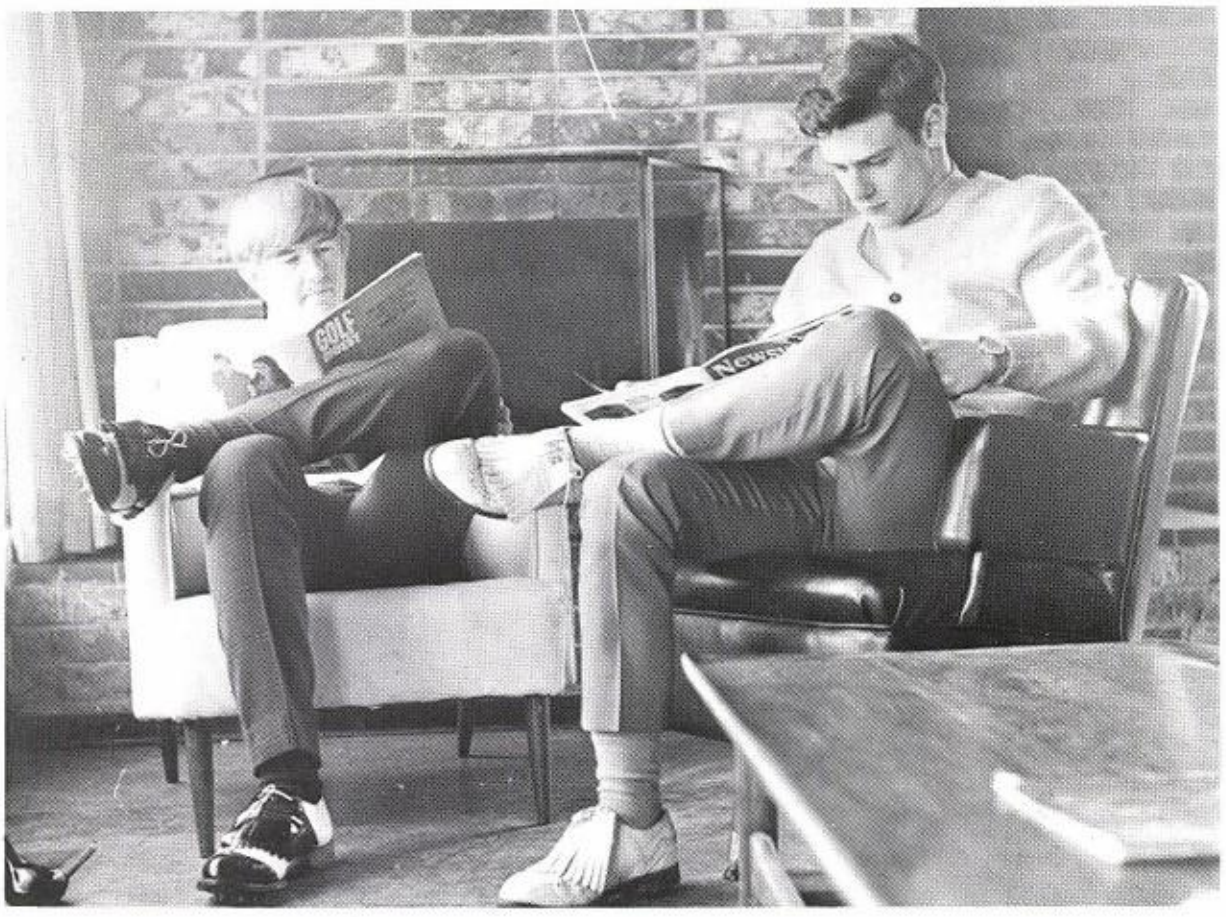


In sweatclothes, a Van Buren athlete, John Sagely, strains to fire the shot put a record breaking distance.

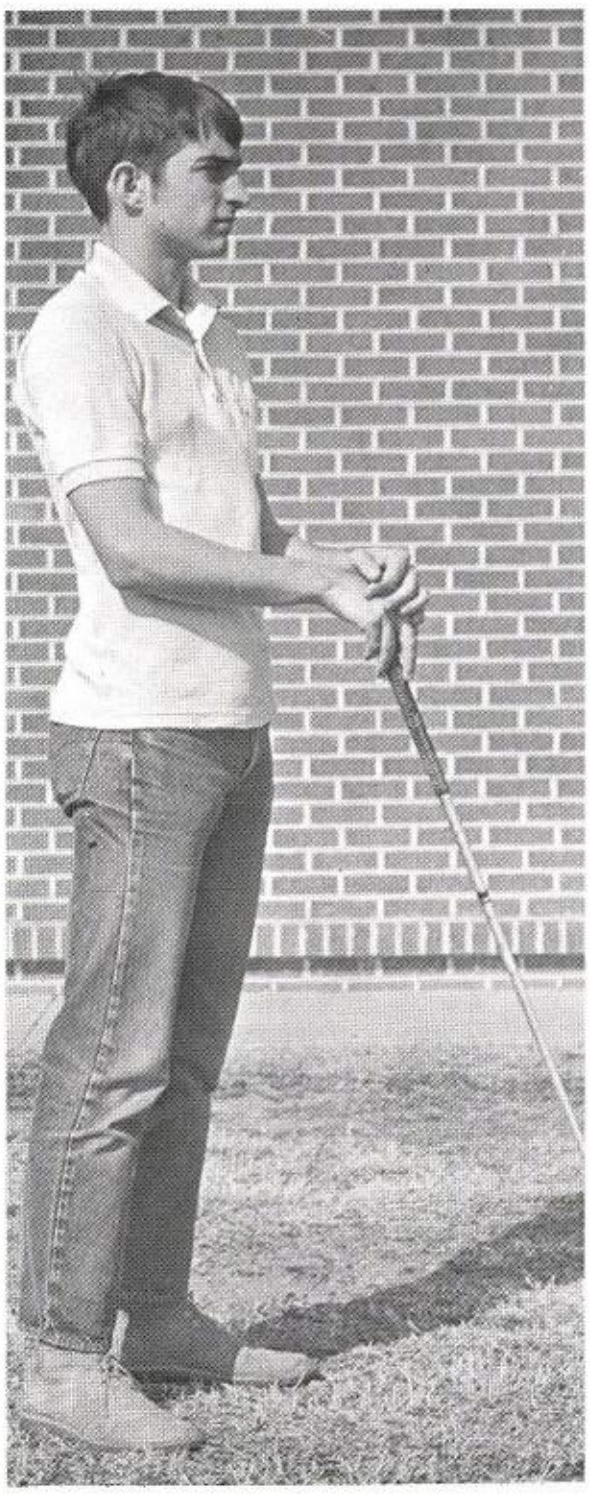
Coach Bates Directs Winning Golfers

Golf is considered by many as an unheralded sport on the high school level, but it has proven to be quite successful at Van Buren High School.

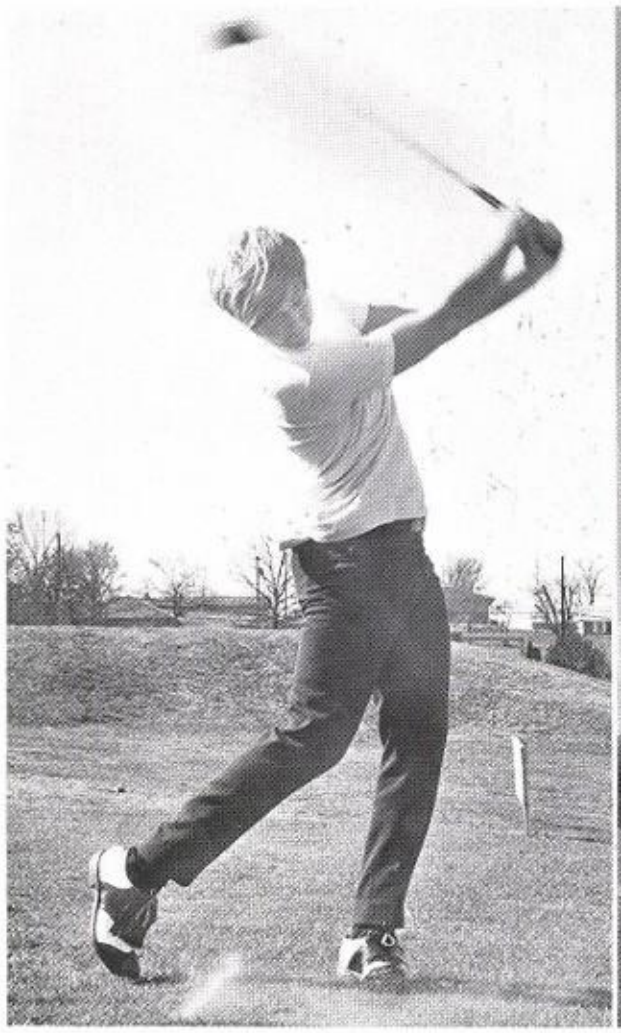
Van Buren's golf team has won the District 1AA golf title the last three years in a row. The team, coached by Mr. Clair Bates, has been successful in victories in district tournaments the last three years.



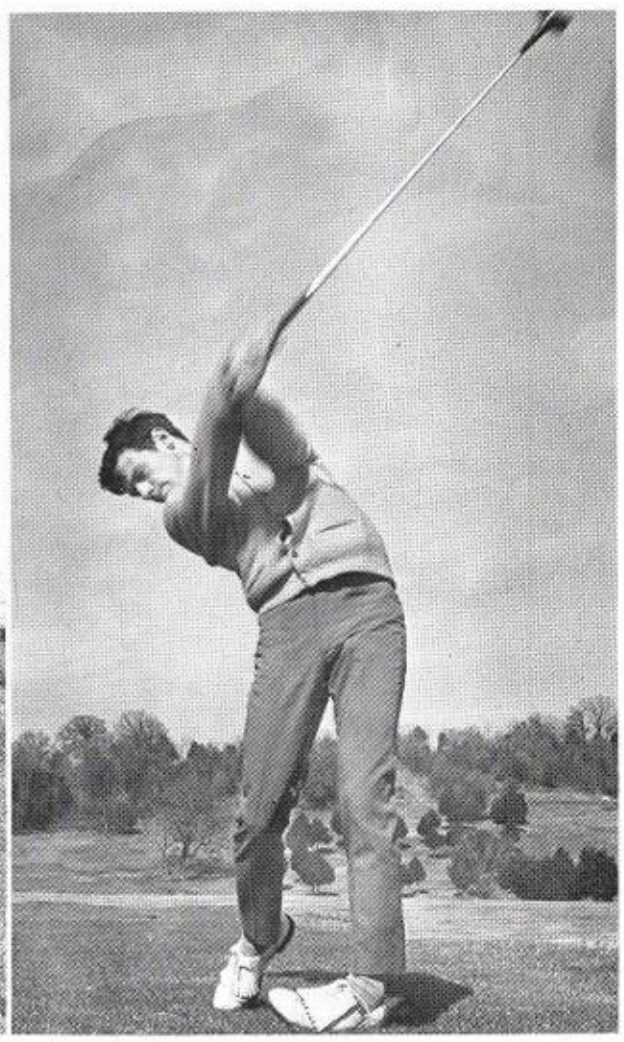
ARTHUR PERKINS AND Pat Kennedy take it easy after shooting nine holes of golf.



JUNIOR DAVID VANDERGRIFF prepares to shoot a leisure game of golf.



KEEPING HIS EYES on the ball, Pat Kennedy tees off.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT, and practicing his golf swing is Senior Arthur Perkins.

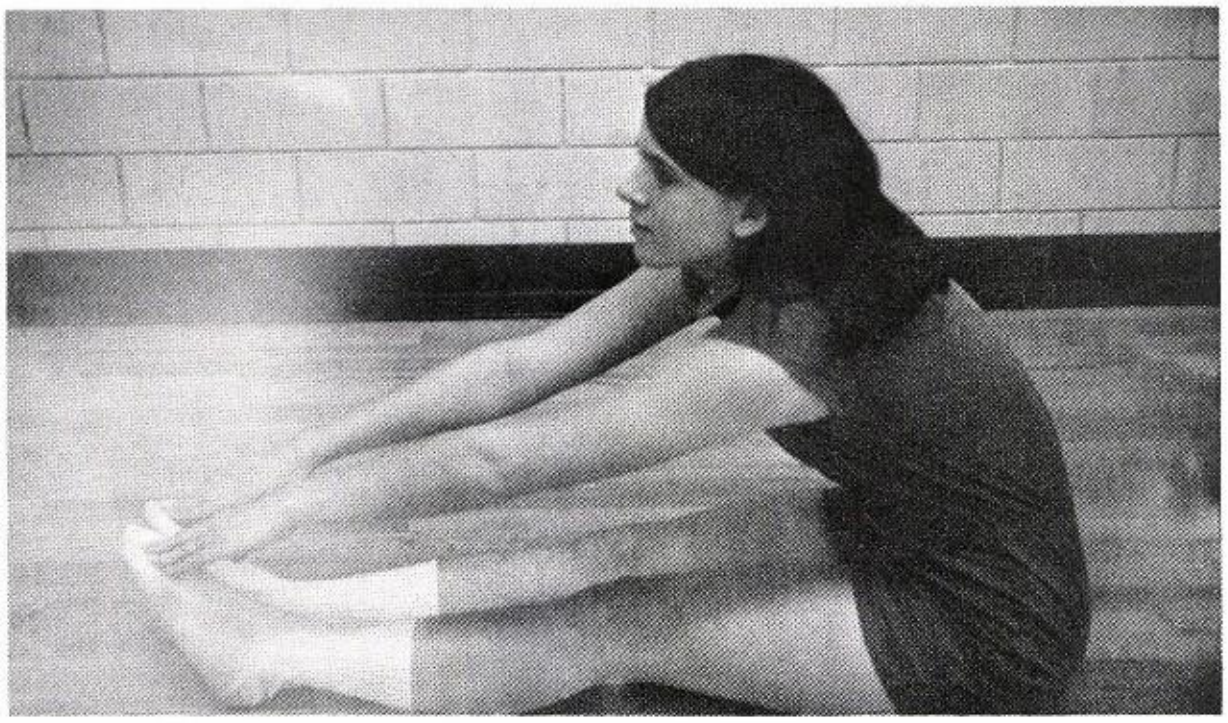
Boys, Girls P.E. Develops Health

Physical Education is an important part of daily schedule for hundreds of Van Buren students.

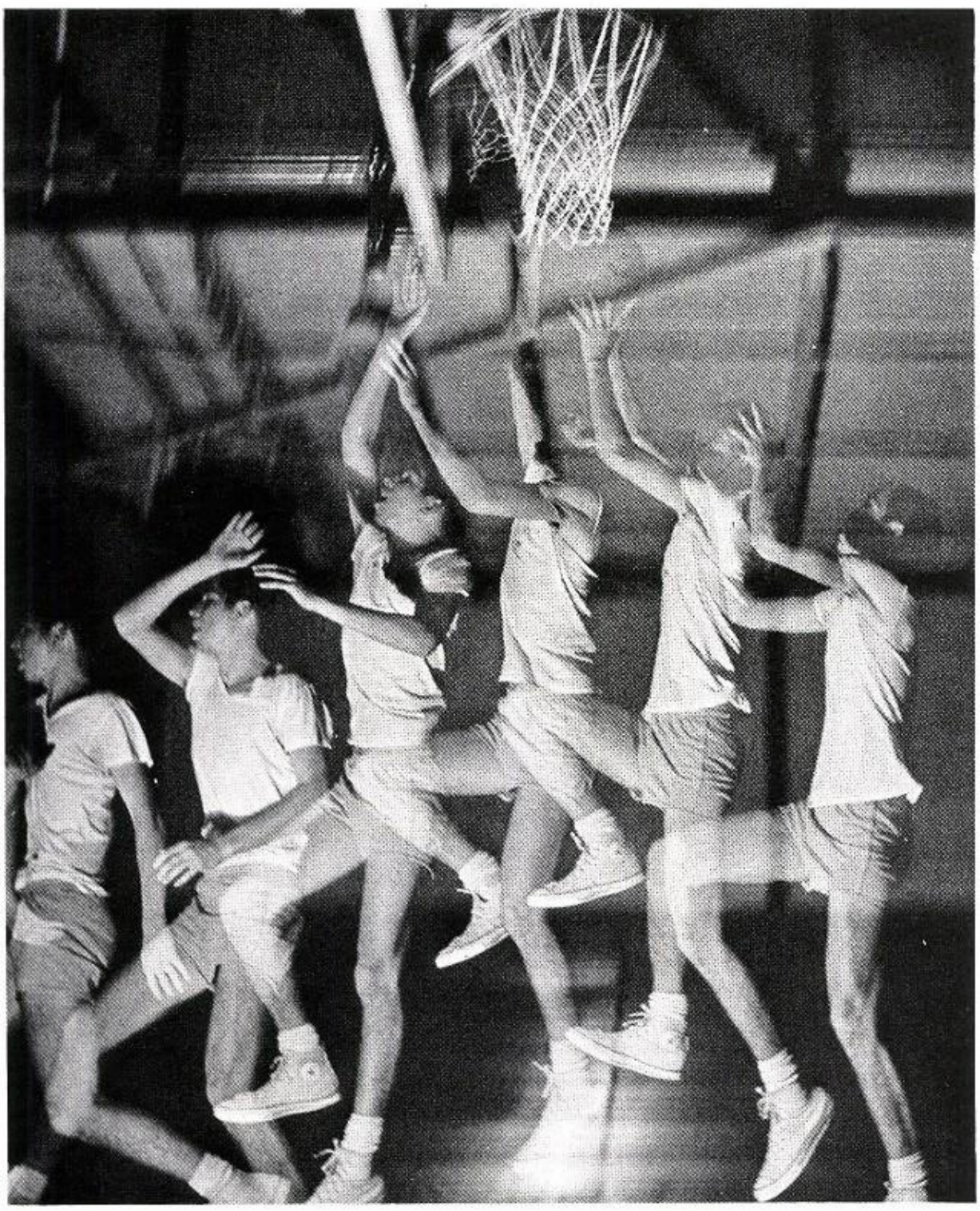
Boys physical education is taught by Coach Dick James and girls physical education by Miss Laqueta Jo Bottoms.

The activities of these classes consist of basketball, touch football, volleyball, and calisthenics. Van Buren High is fortunate to have some of the latest facilities and one of the best physical education programs in the area.

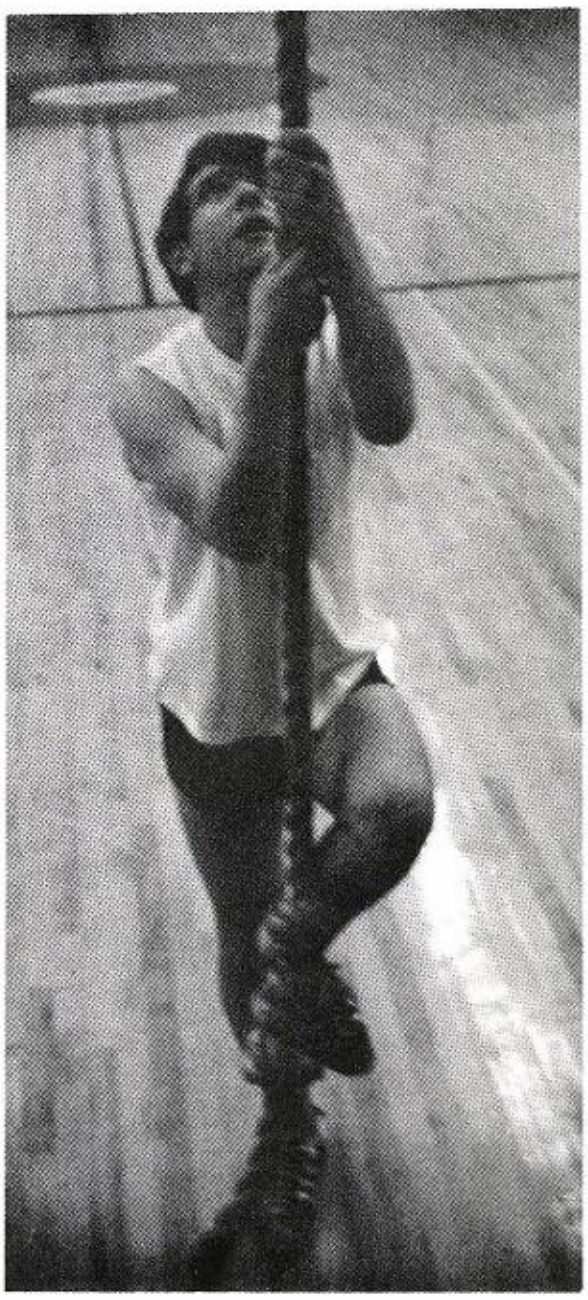
P. E. is one of the few required courses in this school. It is required because it is to help build the body and it also helps pupils learn to get along and cooperate with each other under game type conditions.



JUNIOR BRENDA WALTERS does sit-ups during one of Miss Bottoms' P. E. classes. This is one of the many calisthenics that students do in the physical education program.



SHOOTING BASKETS IS one way to improve physical condition as senior Nelson Ballard shows in a "strob shot." He demonstrates the step-by-step approach to the basket.



EDDIE LINCKS IMPROVES his coordination and balance while building some muscle at the same time as he climbs the rope during P. E. class.

FCA MEMBERS BILL Morton, David Davis, Coach Yerby, sponsor, Chuck Runions, and Jerry Brammer discuss plans for the next meeting.

FCA Combines Sports, Religion

Learning to compete fairly and obtaining an understanding of religious teachings are two of the ideas stressed by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

FCA met each Thursday during the football season. At these meetings, the members discussed scriptures of the Bible and analyzed what the scriptures meant.

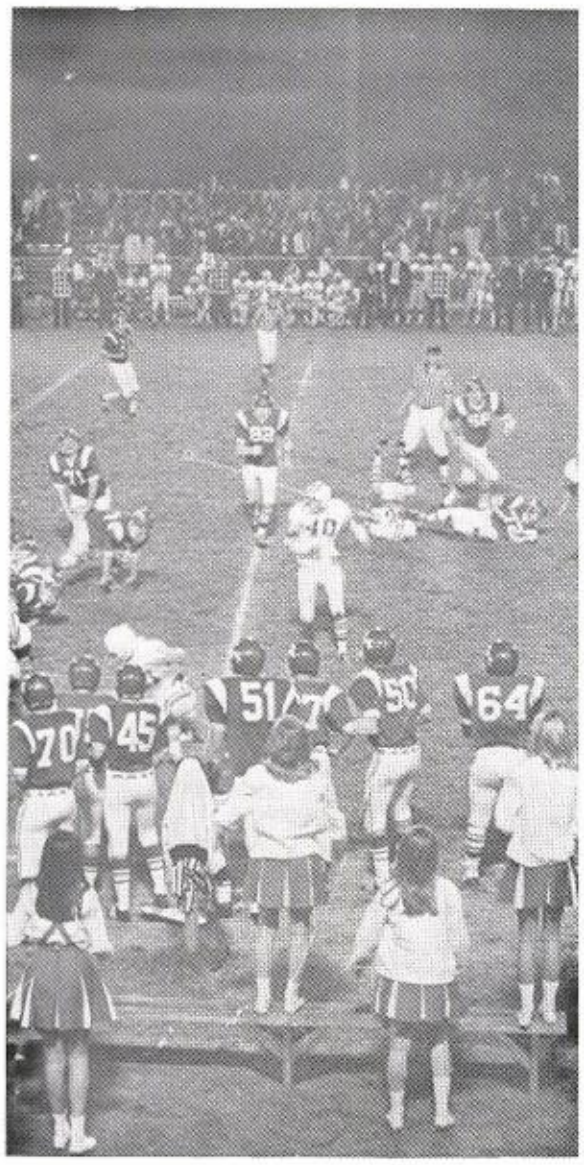
Fayetteville was the scene of an FCA convention held last summer for interested athletes.

Eight boys from Van Buren attended this state-wide gathering. They included Steve Tanner, Billy Seabolt, Robert Dean, David Summerhill, Chuck Runions, Tom Martin, Bob Martin, and Larry Winn.

Serving as officers were Jerry Brammer, president; Chuck Runions, vice president; and Bill Morton, secretary-treasurer. David Davis also served as an officer in the group.

FCA: FRONT ROW: David Vandergriff, David Summerhill, Bob Martin, Danny Bates, Charles Mann, Randy McDaniel, David McVay, Mike Norwood, Rion Stephenson,David Neal, Wally Hays, Mike Parks, Johnny Sagely,; Second row: Arthur Perkins, Richard Coombes, Jack Selby, Tom Martin, Billy Seabolt, Dale Coomer, Jimmy House, Brad Ball, Stanley Runions, Bob Brooks, Billy Bob Lansdell, Ricky Merechka, Terry Scott, Steve Perkins, Jack Servold, Al Selman,; Third row: Bill Morton, Jerry Brammer,Chuck Runions, Kerry Hubbs, Robert Dean, Dennie Dillard, Larry Norwood, Frankie Titsworth, Jimmy McKinney, Larry Bray, Sandy Ragge, Nelson Ballard, Buddy Walters, Ralph Ball, Wendall Brodie.

Eight Cheerleaders Yell Teams To Successful Sports Seasons



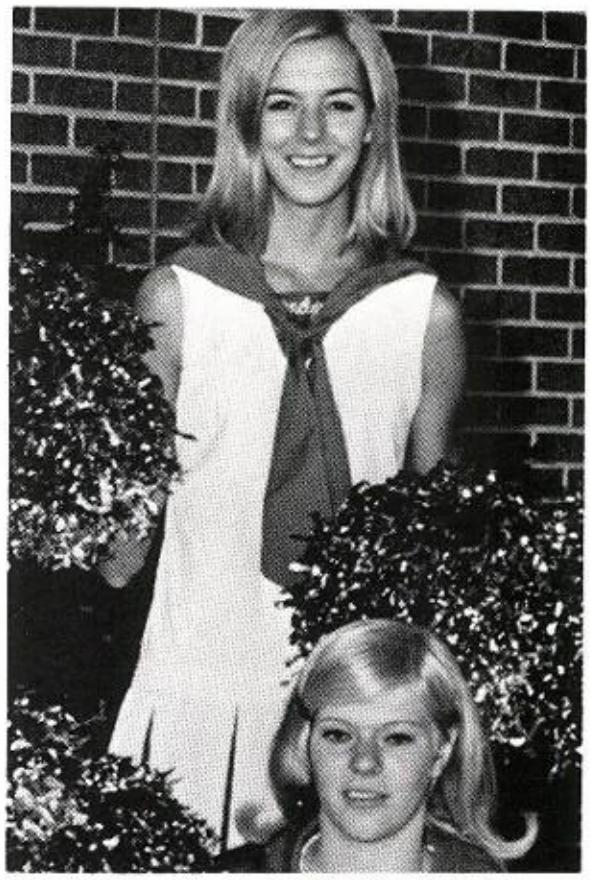
Moments of anxiety and hopeful expectation were common to all football fans, especially cheerleaders, during the 1969 season.

School spirit is shown in many ways—yelling with added zeal at pep rallies, football games and basketball games, painting spirit signs until midnight, or preparing skits for the pep rallies. These are ways in which all students can support the Pointers.

Going one step further, the cheerleaders give up Friday nights in the fall to attend football games, prepare skits and yells for pep rallies and spend several afternoons practicing and learning new cheers. Early in the year, they sold "spirit" food to raise money.

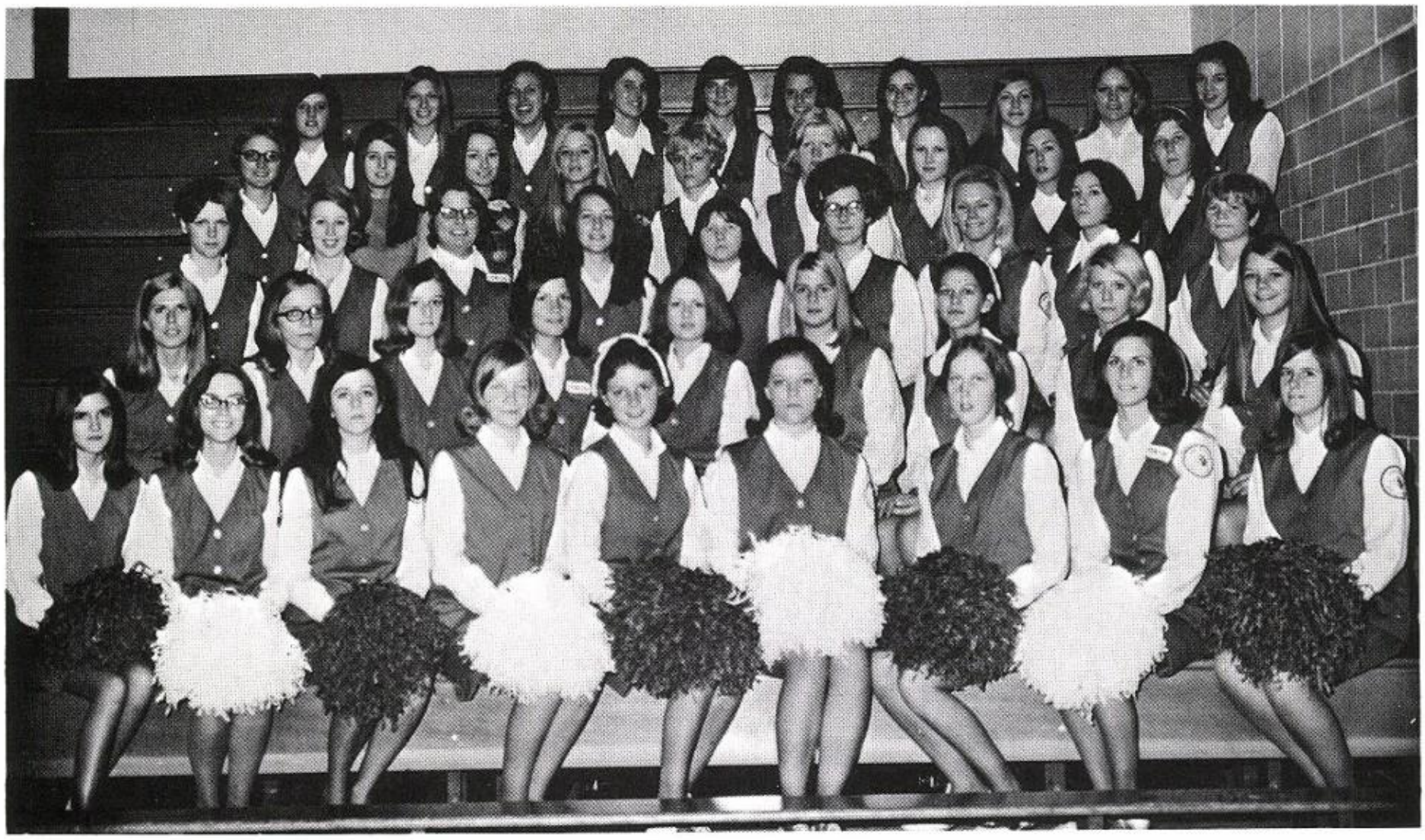
Many of the new cheers introduced this year were learned last summer at the cheerleading clinic held on the University of Arkansas campus at Fayetteville.

Miss Laqueta Jo Bottoms sponsors the girls and accompanies them on all trips.



TWO OF THE most effervescent cheerleaders for the year are Debbie Polk and Cindy Neal.

CHEERLEADERS: NORMA TRENTHAM, Brenda Glass, Vicki Means, Debbie Rogers, Debbie Polk, Cindy Neal, Debbie Smith, Debbie Bell.



PEP SQUAD: (Row 1) Linda Morrison, Sissie Freeman, Debbie Lovegrove, Patricia Breeden, Jackie Cameron, Pam Kenney, Pam Sargent, Debbie Johnson, Lynn Kennedy. (Row 2) Janice Ray, Vicki Coleman, Nancy Jack. Lynn Broaddrick, Barbara Wilson, Sarah Holmes, Delores Bowen, Debbie Spears, Lynn Preston. (Row 3) Julia Gardner, Renee McKnight, Dessie Yeakley, Kaye Williams, Donna House, Debbie Evans, Linda Hopkins, Debbie James, Sandra Parks. (Row 4) Cathey Cameron, Joyce Vinsant, Jean Neal, Joan Minor, Martha Cathey, Rhonda Stevens, Debbie Redding, Glinda Woodard, Lysbeth Manuel. (Top Row) Debbie Estelle, Betty Dutton, Cathy Newton, Brenda Walters, Paula Wood, Susan Shibley, Marilyn Hays, Jane Stevenson, Sally Servold, Pat Helms.

Sixty Pep Squad Members Promote Spirit

"Neither rain, sleet, nor snow". . . .despite the weather, Pointer boosters prove their loyalty by attending football games and yelling for the Dogs.

The 60 member, 1969-70 Pointer Pep Club is responsible for promoting a great deal of school spirit throughout the year.

Club officers were elected at the end of the '69 year. Those elected include: Lynn Preston, president; Janice Ray, vice-president; Joan Minor, secretary; and Debbie Lovegrove, treasurer.

Pointer boosters held various fund-raising projects. To support the Dogs before school started, the club had a rummage sale. Later in the year, members sold Pointer jackets, and during basketball season, the Booster Club promoted more spirit by selling spirit tags.

The Pep Club attended all "home" football and basketball games and—when they had transportation—out-of-town games.

The group participated in pep rallies all year. They contributed much to the rallies with green and white uniforms, pom pons, stunts, and yells.

Although they won it only once, competition for the spirit stick was another accomplishment for the club.

PEP RALLIES FIND the Pep Club waving colorful pom pons.

"V–I–C–T–O–R–Y, THAT'S THE Pointer battle cry," yells the Pep Club during a lively pep assembly.

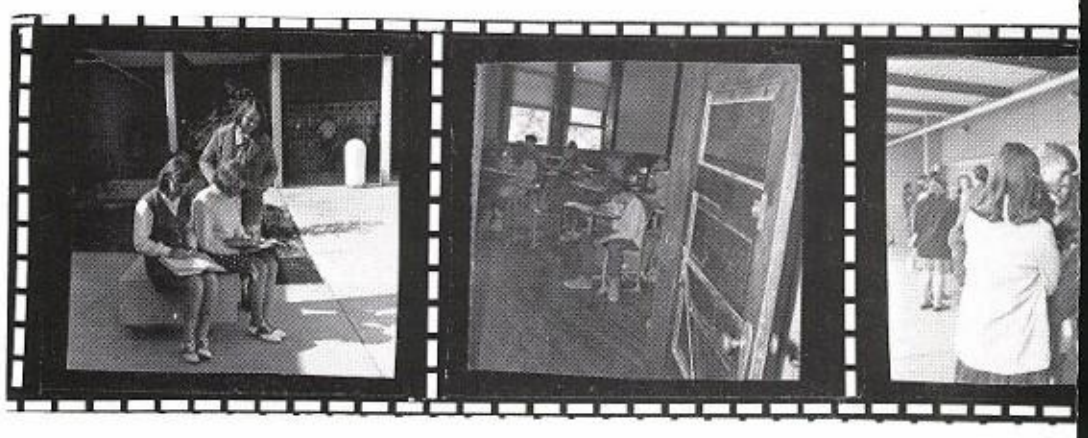
PEP CLUB MEMBERS are wrapped up in a play determining the outcome of a heated basketball game. All eyes are on the clock at the last minute.

THE CHARACTERS

In our story, the students portray the characters: vibrant, alive, preparing to assume their roles as citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

However, character goes much deeper because it is also defined as "the total sum of the distinguishing traits of a person," or, in other words, how one acts as well as feels on important moral issues.

In fact, good character is probably the most important prerequisite of a well-rounded citizen.



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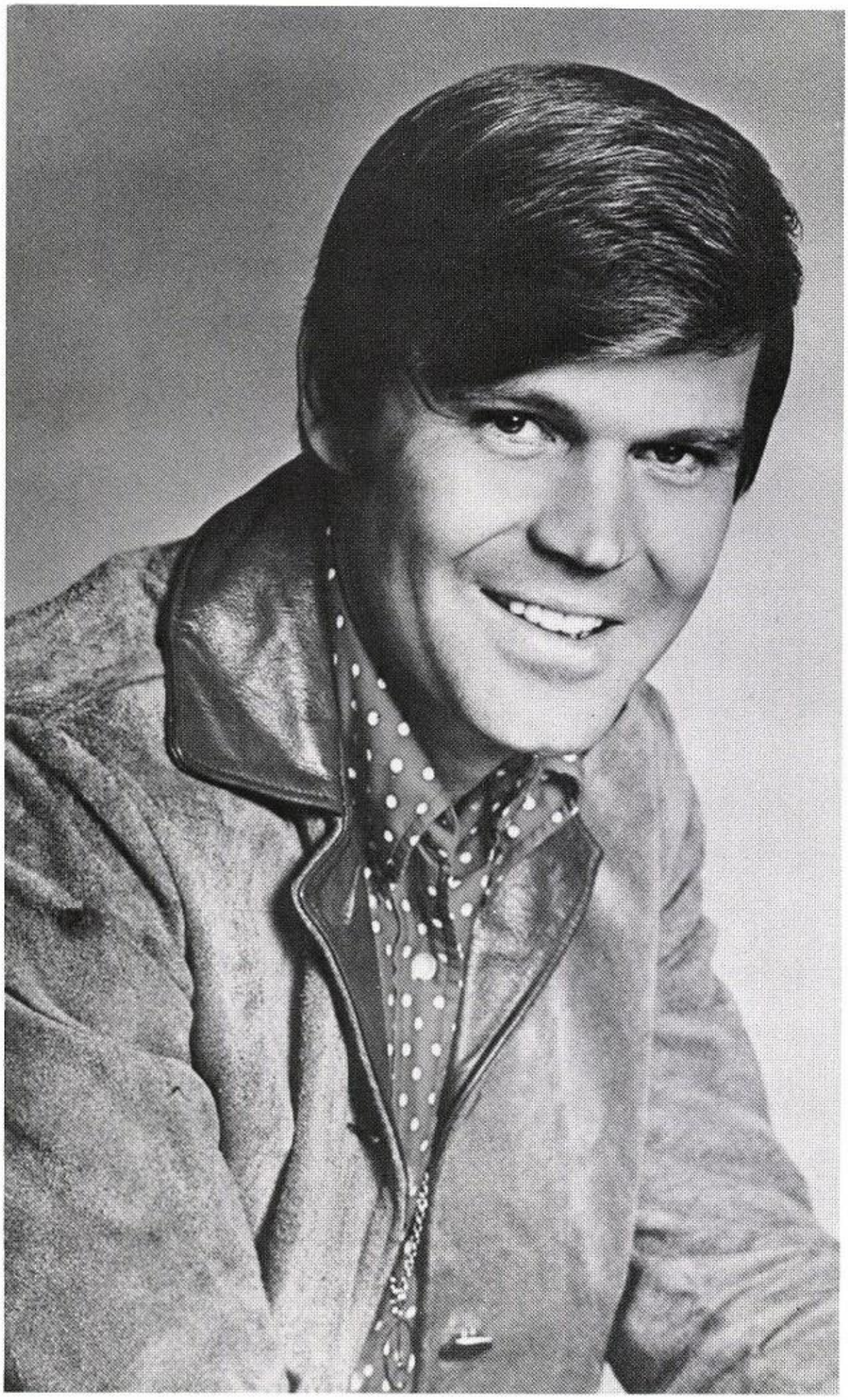
Glen Campbell Judges Pointer Beauties



Mr. Glen Campbell

Arkansas–born Glen Campbell readily agreed to judge the 1970 Pointer beauties, despite his busy Hollywood schedule.

Campbell, a native of Delight, Arkansas, has been one of the state's best representatives during 1969-70.

However, this is not his only accomplishment.

He has created a new style of music, which was forecast in "Gentle On My Mind." His albums continue to be million-sellers, his television show is a major success; and he is expanding his motion picture career.

Glen Campbell was asked to judge the Miss Pointer contest because of his great popularity in Van Buren and because we felt that the contestants would truly feel honored to be judged by him.

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January 28, 1970

Miss Marcia Woods
Editor
1970 POINTER
Van Buren High School
Van Buren, Arkansas

Dear Marcia:

Many thanks for sending along the photos of all the candidates for your annual beauty contest.

It wasn't an easy decision, believe me...all of the girls were extremely attractive. I wish they all could have been winners; they sure did have the qualifications.

Many thanks, too, for your interest in my career, and may I take this time to wish everyone best wishes for a successful future.

Sincerely,

Glen Campbell

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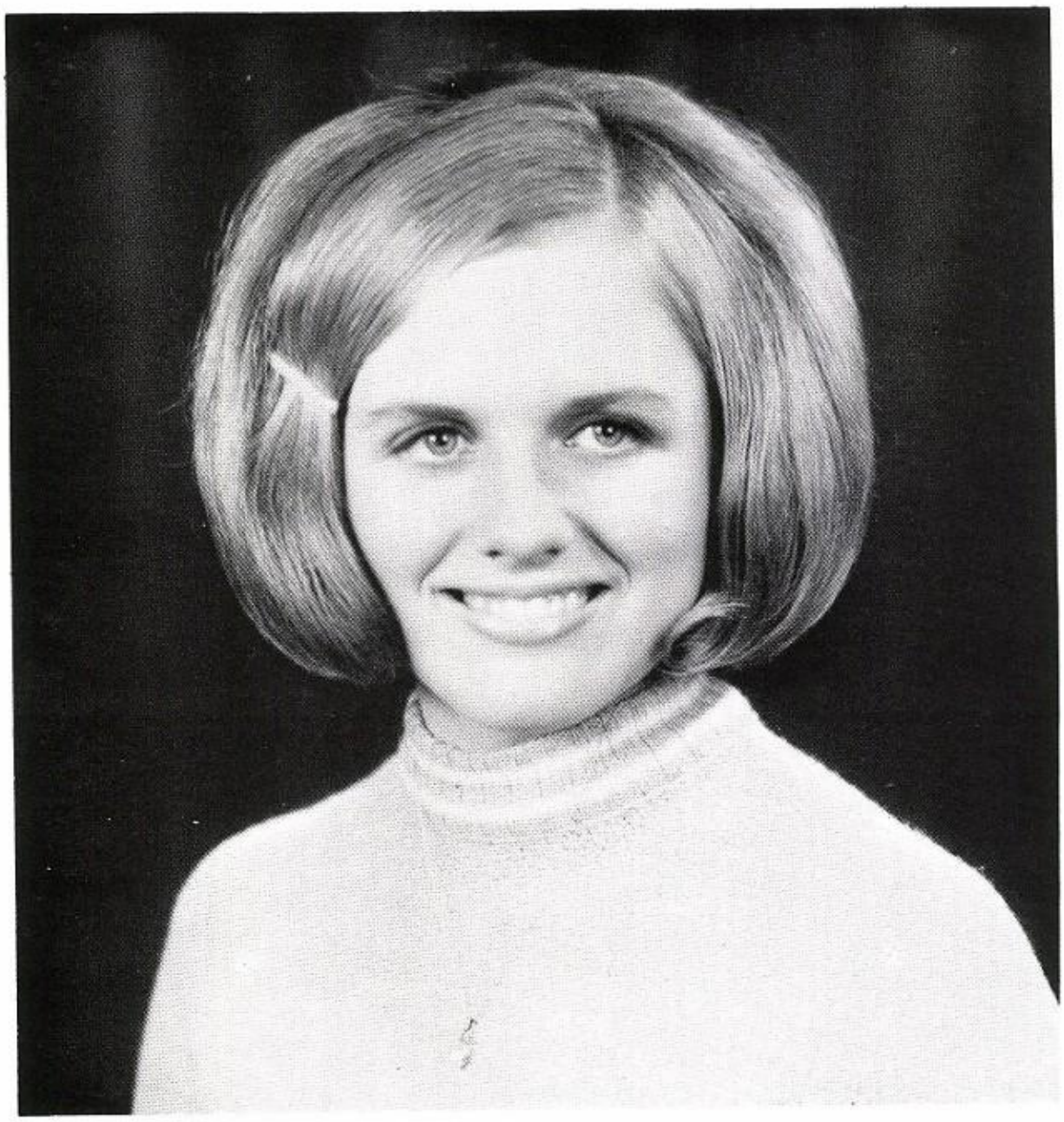
Arkansas Singing Star Selects Cheerleade



MISS POINTER
DEBBIE BELL

AN EVER-PRESENT smile, one of a beauties greatest assets, comes natural for Debbie Bell, Miss Pointer, and Cathy Brasuell,nominee.

NOONTIME CHATTER is the most favorably remembered "class" for all seniors, especially these four beauties: Alice Stevenson, Cathy Brasuell, Debbie Bell (Miss Pointer), and Norma Trentham (1st runner-up).

Debbie Bell to Reign As Miss Pointer

Personality and beauty go together for Miss Pointer, Debbie Bell, who was also the recipient of the Personality Award in this year's regional Junior Miss Pageant.

Her school activities include two years of cheerleading, FTA, FHA, Partners In Christ, Pointer Pack, Glee Club, and the Student Council. During her junior year she was chosen by the football squad and student body to be a maid in the Homecoming court.

First runner-up, Norma Trentham, was chosen Homecoming maid her junior year and maid of honor her senior year. She has also been a cheerleader for two years and is currently head cheerleader.

This year Norma was selected honorary sponsor of the ROTC cadet company.

Alice Stevenson is well-acquainted with beauty contests, having been chosen Miss Sophomore Class and nominated for Junior Beauty. Alice was also a homecoming maid her sophomore year. Alice is kept extremely busy as a Treblette, Student Council secretary, and senior class secretary-treasurer.

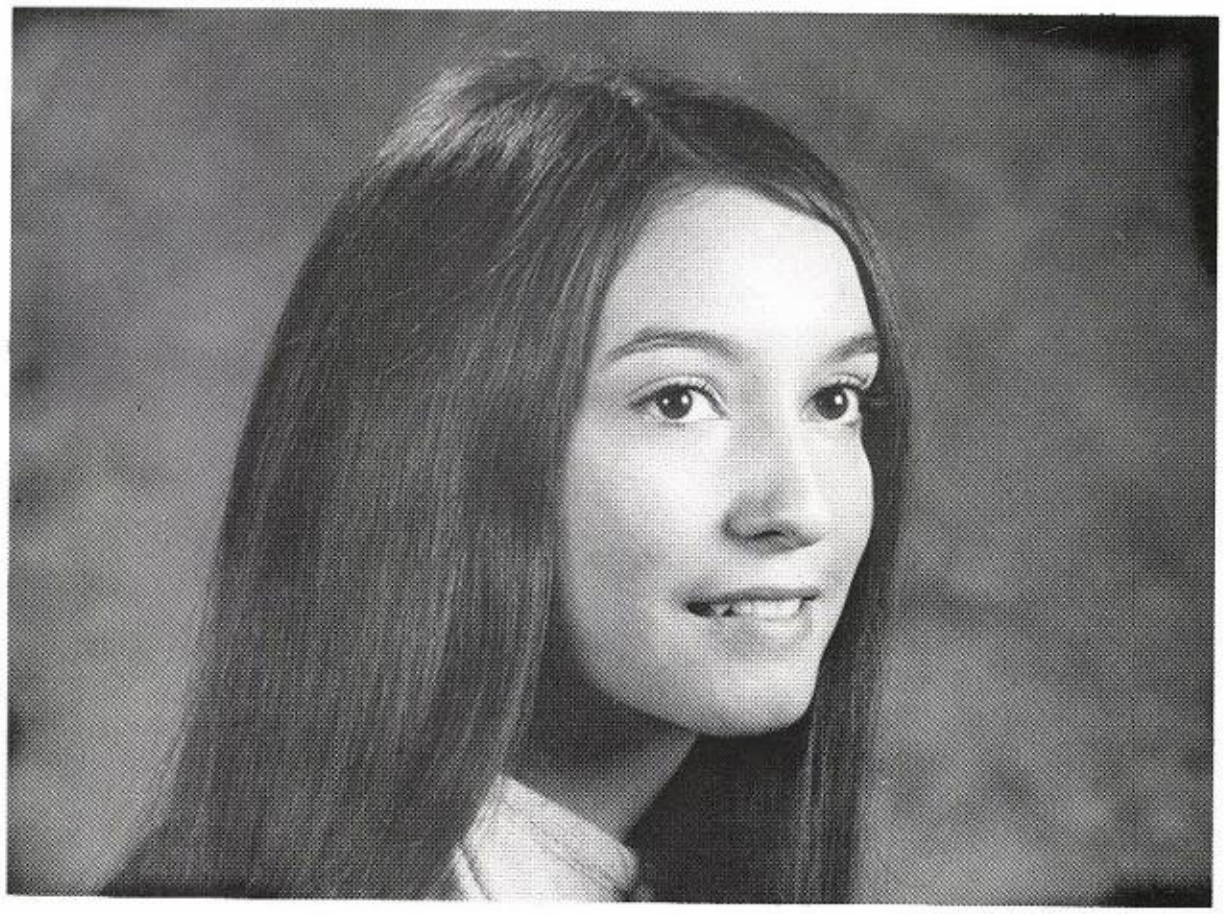
Pointer Beauty nominee Cathy Brasuell is also experienced in beauty contests. She was chosen Miss Junior Class in a pageant last year. Cathy was a sophomore maid for 1967-68 homecoming. She was a member of both the FHA and Pointer Pack.

Also nominated as Miss Pointer were Chris Edmisten, Debbie Smith, Sissie Freeman, Renee McKnight, Debbie Johnson, Karen Montgomery, Yolanda Faldon and Sue Servold.

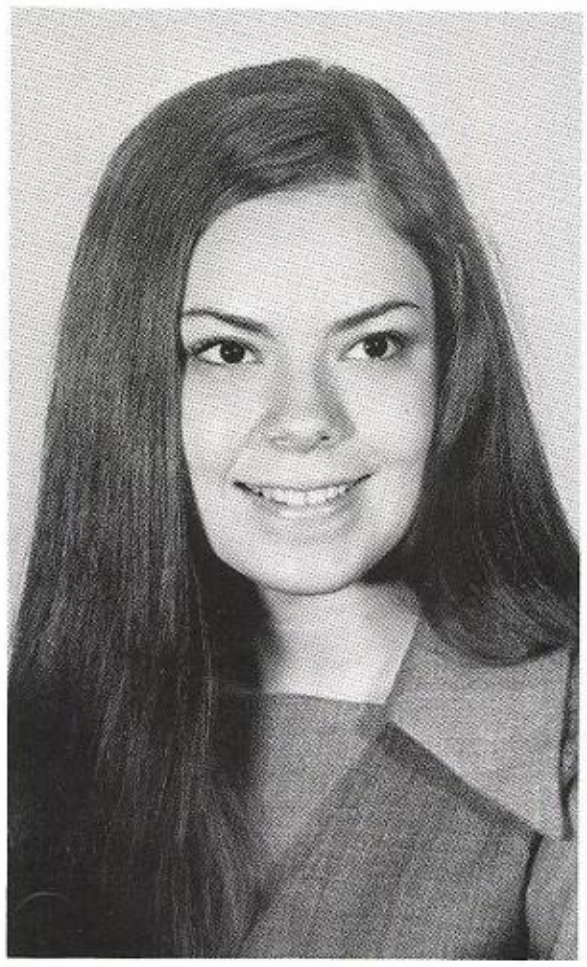
This year's contest reverted back to the method preceding the 1968 contest—that of having a well-known personality judge the beauties.

Mr. Glen Campbell, famous singer and actor from Arkansas, selected the class beauty and first runner-up from four nominees in each class.

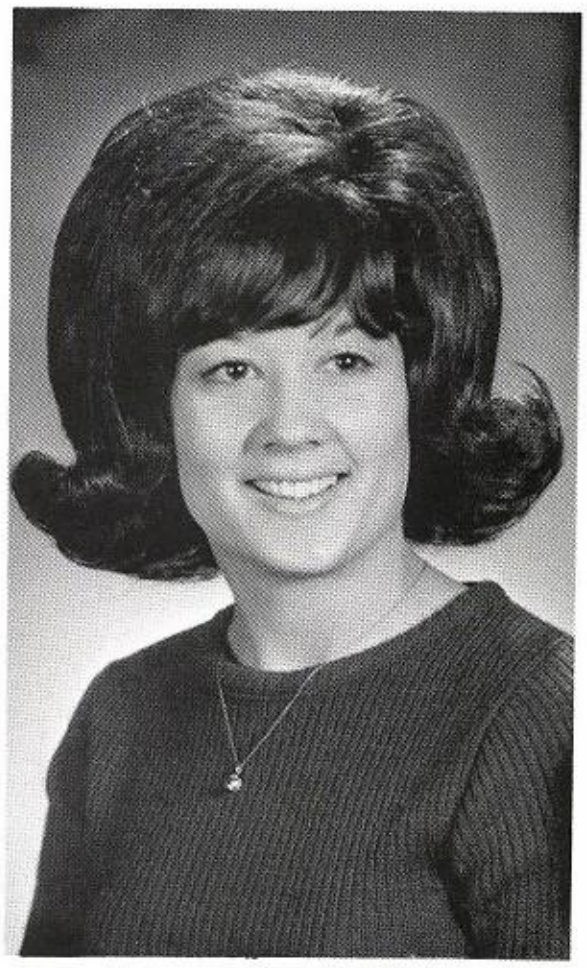
The nominees were selected by the officers and sponsors who submitted a list of ten names each.



First Runner-Up
Norma Trentham



Runner-Up
Alice Stevenson



Runner-Up
Cathy Brasuell

Linda Hopkins Wins Miss Junior Class

Miss Junior Class
LINDA HOPKINS

Being chosen class beauty is nothing new to Linda Hopkins who reigned last year as Miss Sophomore Class.

This year's Junior Beauty is extremely active in school events. She is serving as club editor on both the newspaper and yearbook staffs, secretary treasurer of the FTA, and is a member of the Student Council.

Another honor bestowed upon Linda was being selected ROTC sponsor for Company A.

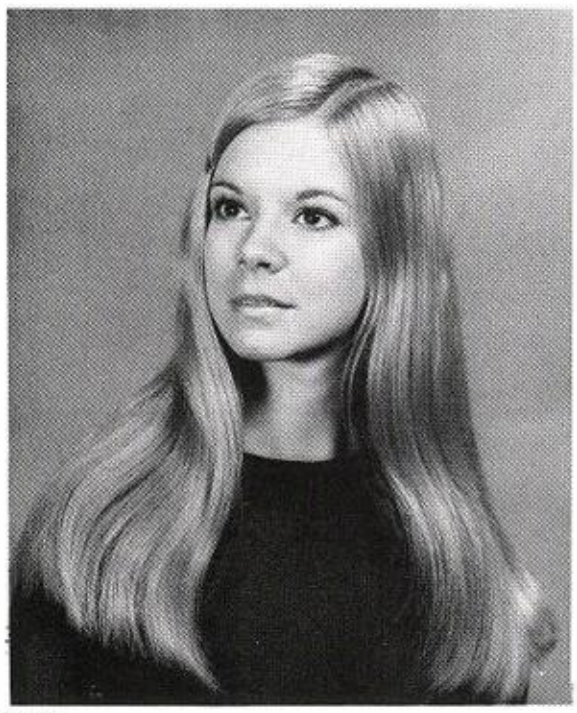
First runner-up Joan Minor is an active member of the Pointer Pack, holding the office of secretary.

Jane Swanson, another runner-up, is no newcomer to beauty contests after being selected Band Sweetheart in her sophomore year. She is an active band member playing first chair flute.

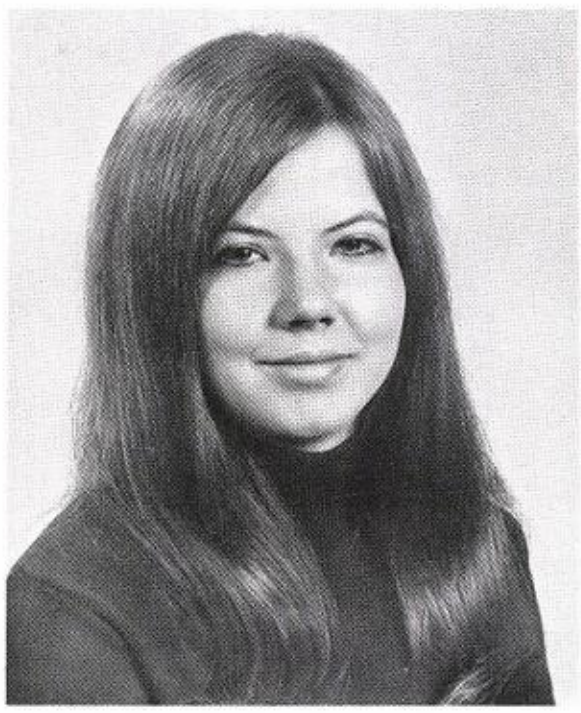
Nominee Donna Holman was new to Van Buren having moved here during her sophomore year from Ohio. During January she left to continue her education in Arizona.

These four girls were chosen by the student body from a list including Cindy Neal, Mary Sue Reed, Martha Cathey, and Paula Smith.

First Runner-Up
Joan Minor



Runner-Up
Jane Swanson



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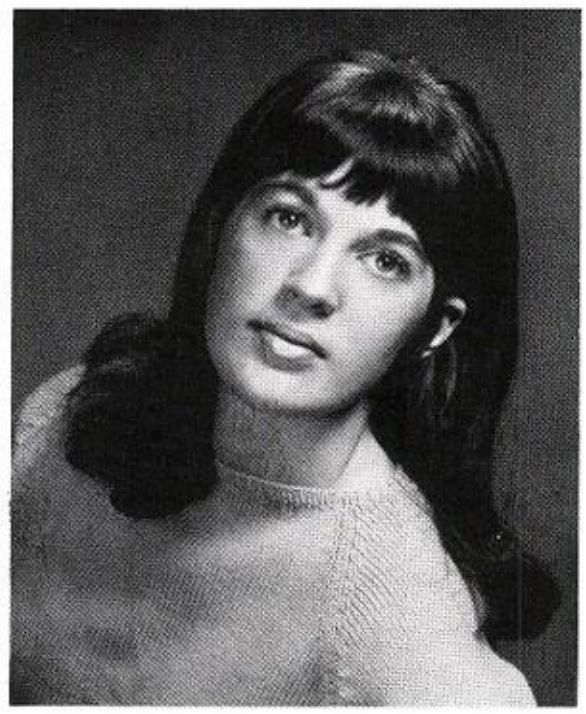
Donna Holman



Marilyn Hays Is Miss Sophomore Class

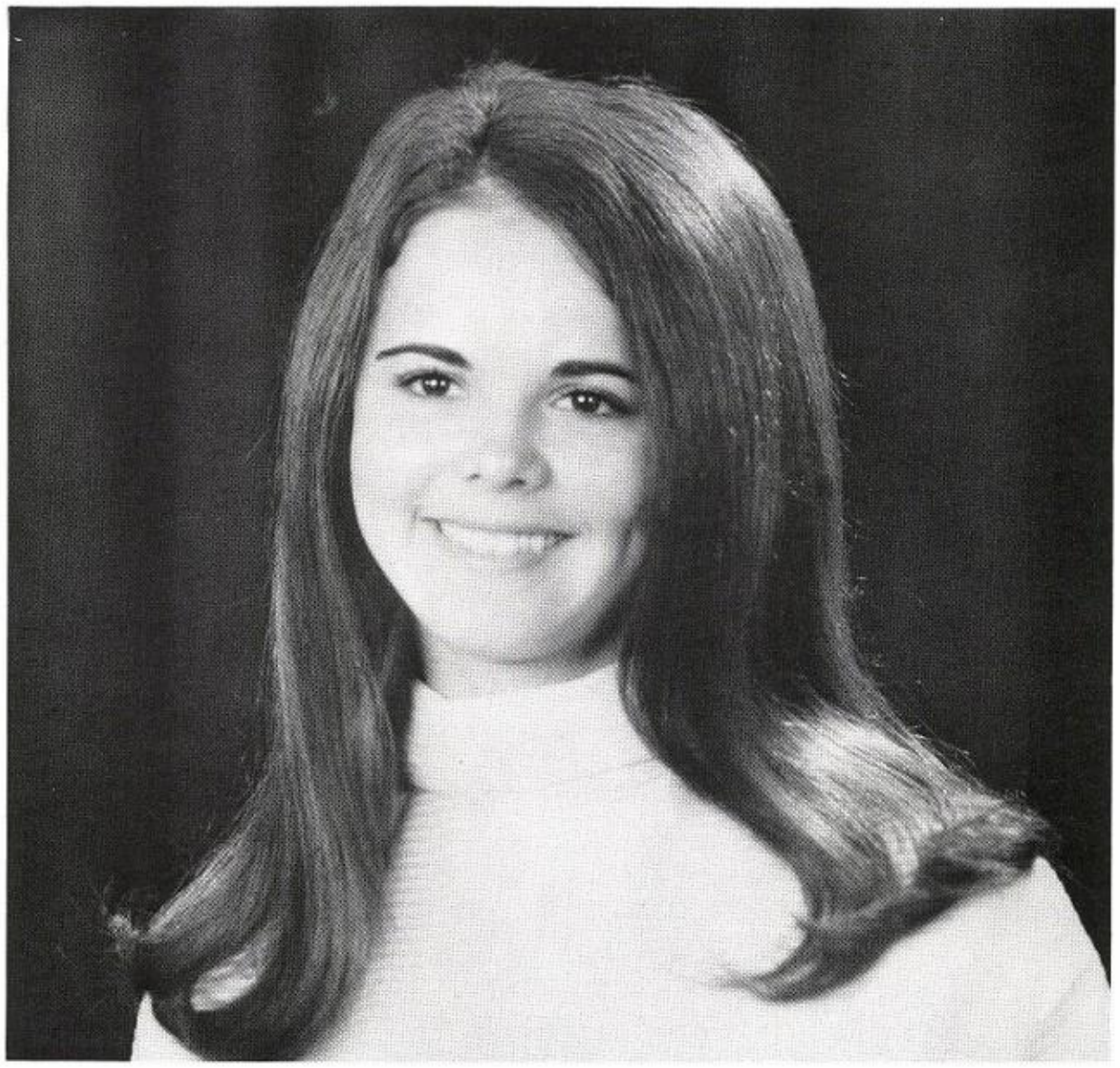
Miss Sophomore Class, Marilyn Hays, enjoys music according to her activities. She is a two-year member of Glee Club and was a member of the Tonettes, a junior high girls' ensemble. She was also an active supporter of the Pups during her freshman year as a member of the drill team.

Much responsibility rests on the shoulders of sophomore class president Barbara Wilson. This first runner-up was a cheerleader last year and is a member of the Pointer Pack. She also acquired journalistic experience by working on the DOGGIE'S DIGGIN'S staff (a junior high paper).

Lynn Broaddrick was also a cheerleader her freshman year as well as being a member of the pep squad. She was elected this year to be a member of the homecoming court.

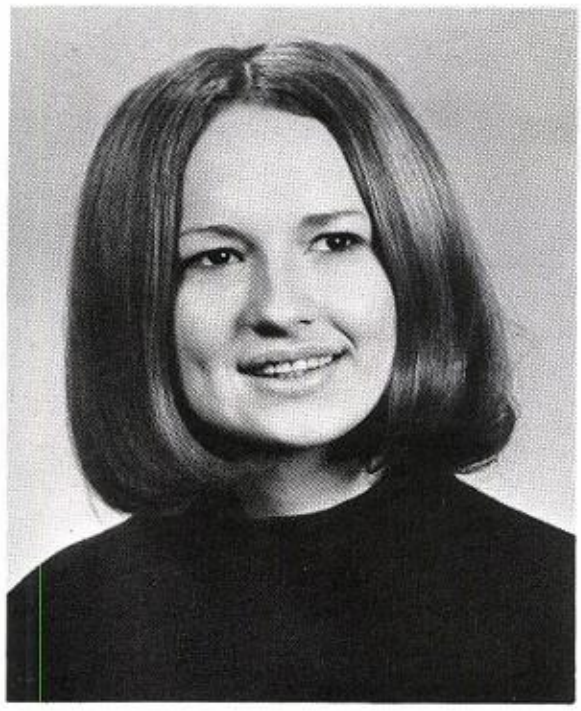
Debbie Estelle was not only a member of the band last year but performed during the half-time activities as a majorette. She, too, was in the pep squad as well as the DOGGIE'S DIGGIN'S staff.

Five other girls were nominated for the title of Miss Sophomore class; they are Janie Stevenson, Susan Shibley, Cathy Staab, Vickie Coleman, and Elaine Watkins.

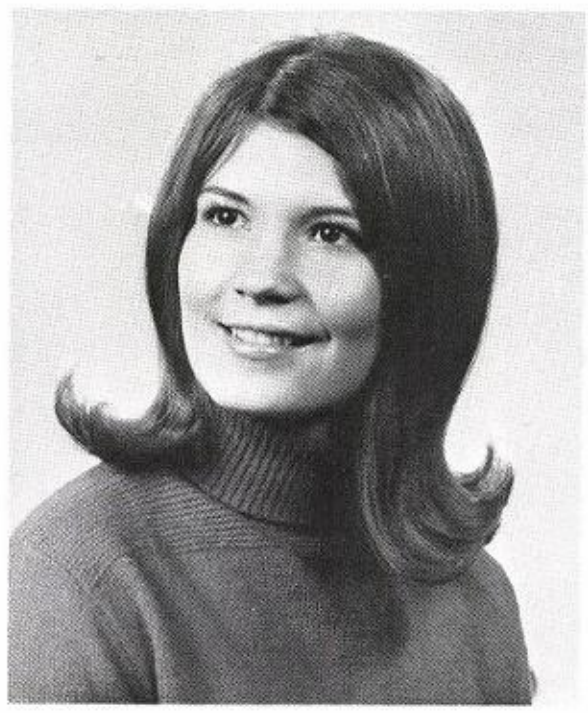


Miss Sophomore Class
MARILYN HAYS

First Runner-Up
Barbara Wilson



Runner-Up
Lynn Broaddrick



Runner-Up
Debbie Estelle

HALL OF FAME member Sissie Freeman helps to construct the seniors' entry in the homecoming parade which walked off with first place.

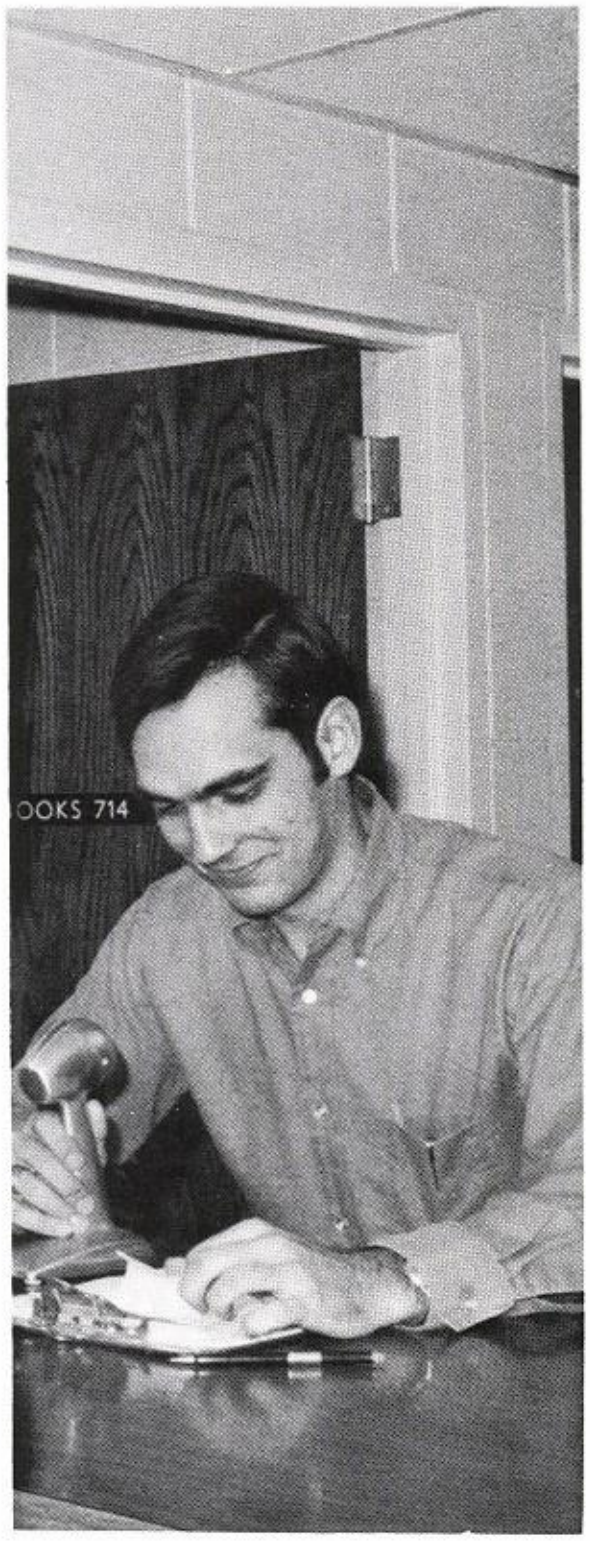
Faculty Rewards Special Efforts

Because they have contributed more than their share, the faculty annually honors a number of seniors, equal to four percent of the graduating class, by selecting them as members of the Hall of Fame.

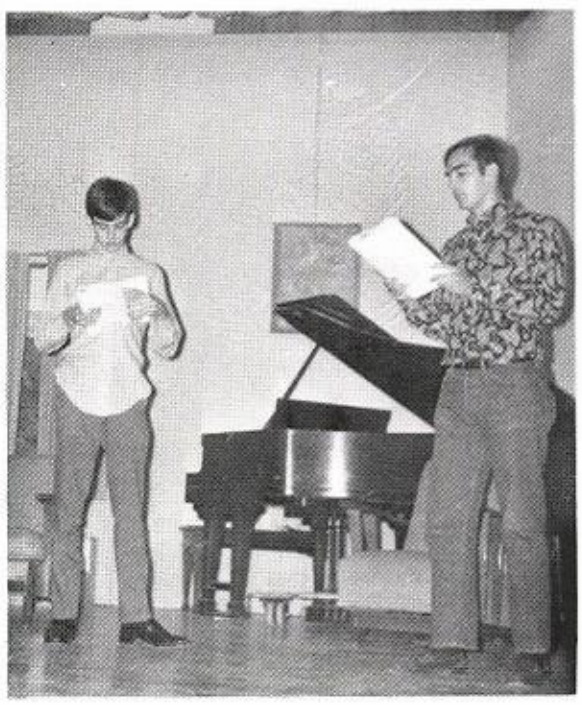
Reporter of the senior class, Sissie Freeman also serves as president of the Mixed Chorus and member of the Mixed Ensemble. Sissie, honored in the Valentine Festivities, was a delegate to Girls' State.

Chosen as the Outstanding Junior Cadet last year, Ralph Ball now serves ROTC as Lt. Colonel. He is also president of Interact and was a member of the Valentine Court. Sportswise, Ralph Ball was football manager for two years.

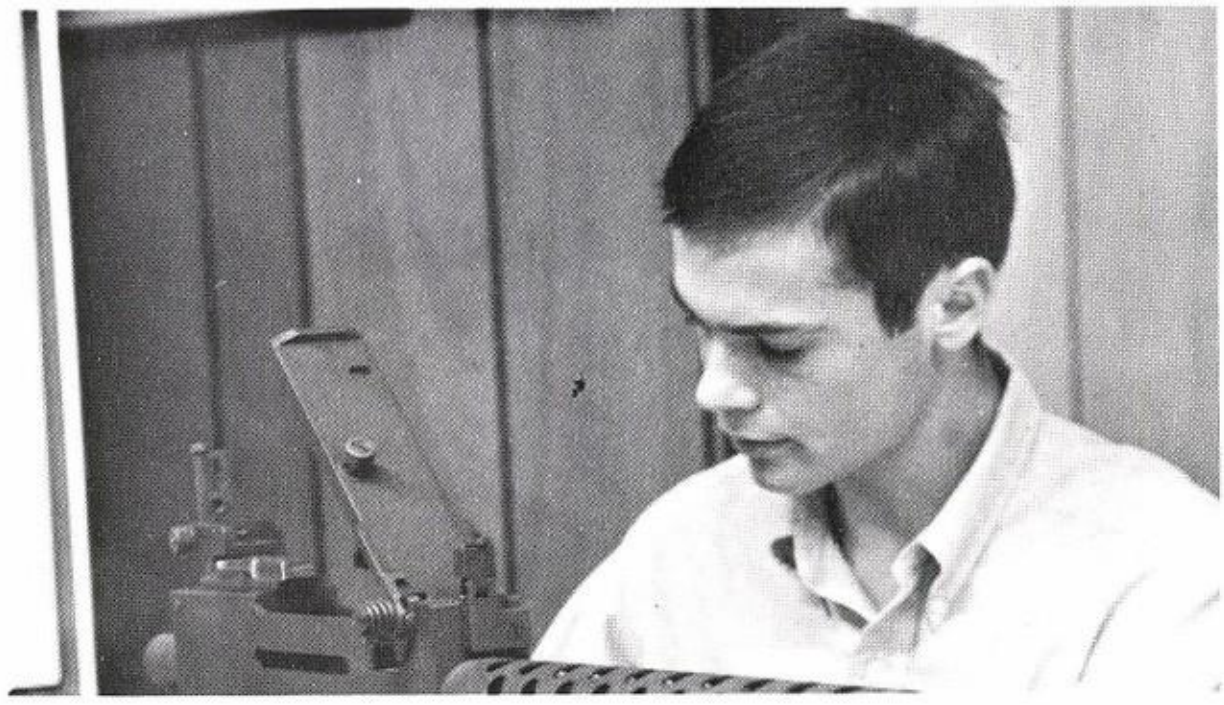
The time-consuming job of student body president occupies much of Ken Creekmore's time as does his position in the Mixed Ensemble and "Babes in Toyland." Ken was a delegate to Boys' State last summer.



KEN CREEKMORE ASSUMES his familiar post as the "voice in the box."



GAINING WISDOM THROUGH experience, Ken Creekmore learns onstage techniques.



LEADERSHIP, AN IMPORTANT quality necessary for Hall of Fame membership, is one of many traits which Ralph Ball has acquired through ROTC training and guidance.

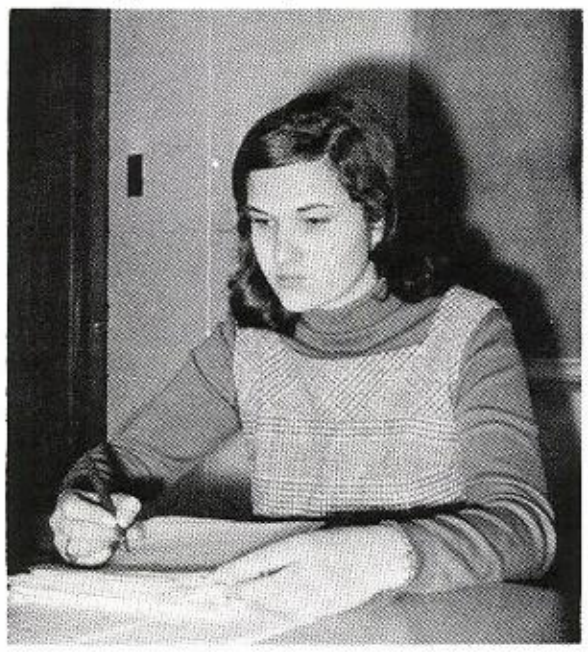
'70 Hall of Fame Honors 6 Scholars

SHOWING KAREN MONTGOMERY his ACT handbook, Gary Moon contemplated the upcoming test.

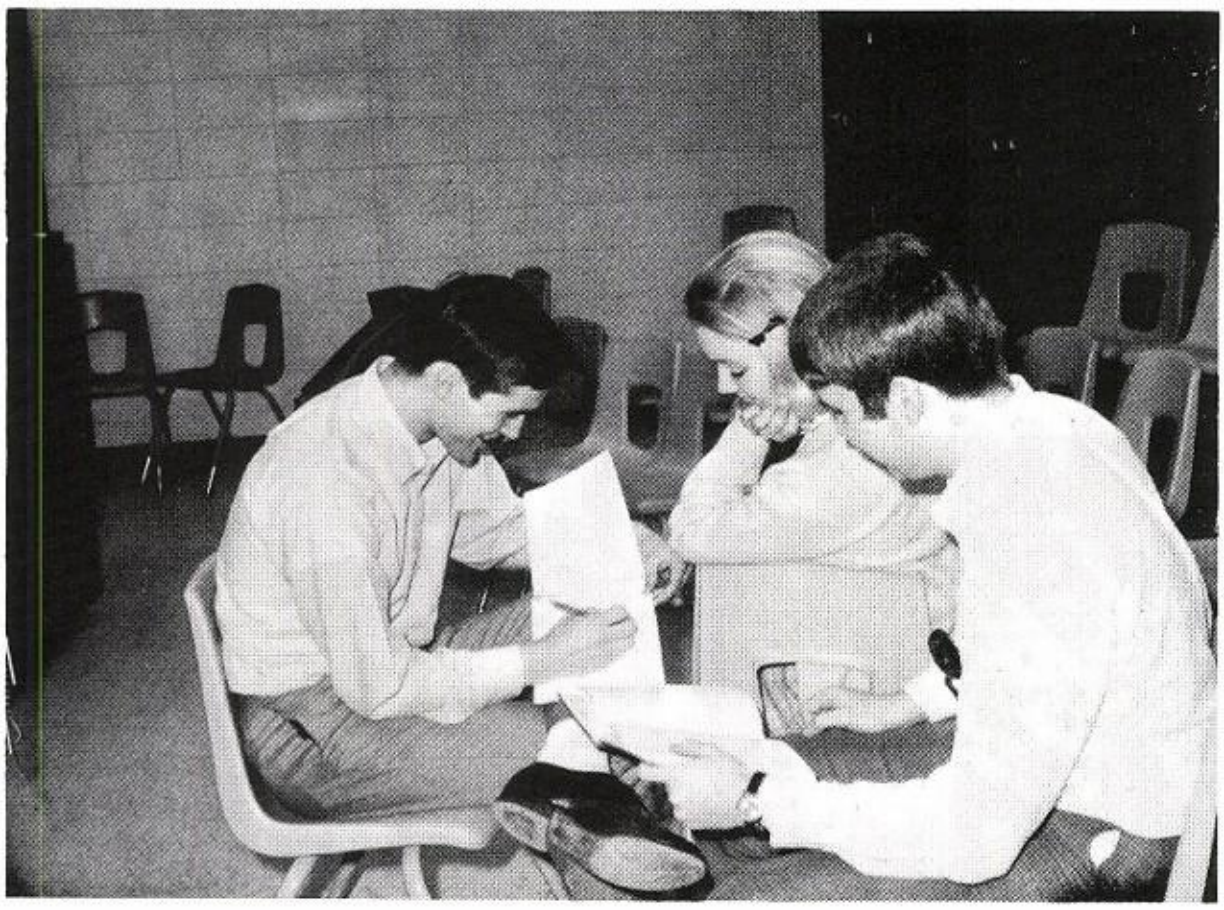
Participation in school events is shown by Senior Class President Nelson Ballard's membership on the football and basketball squads and golf team. Nelson was honored last summer as a delegate to Boys' State. He served two years ago as vice-president of the 1968 sophomore class.

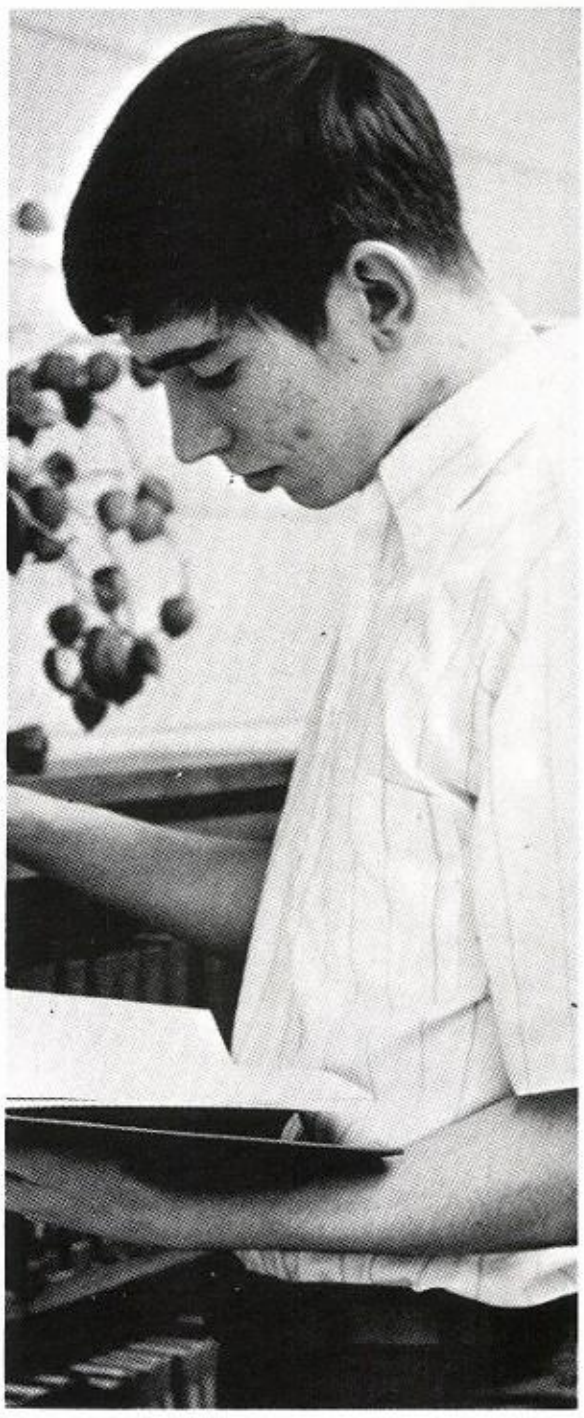
Rewarded for past efforts by being selected head usher and Girls' State delegate, Karen Montgomery is now vice-president of the National Honor Society, secretary-treasurer of the Mixed Chorus, president of FHA and a Treblette. Karen was given the achievement award at the local Junior Miss pageant.

As president of the National Honor Society, Gary Moon supervises all of their activities. In addition, he is a member of the Mixed Ensemble, the Mixed Chorus, and portrayed Tom in "Babes in Toyland." He also spent a week at Camp Robinson in Little Rock as a delegate to Boys' State.



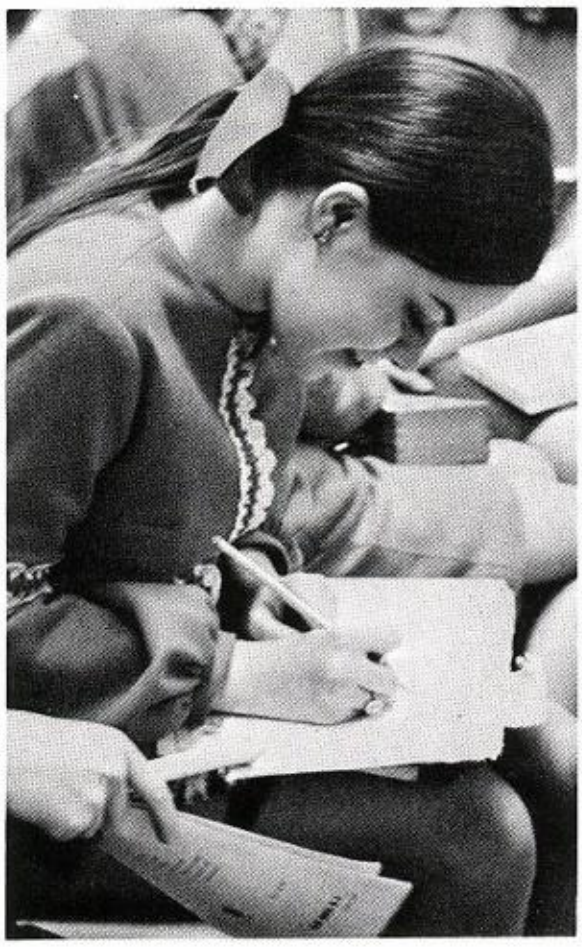
GRADING PAPERS IS one way in which Karen Montgomery aids teachers.





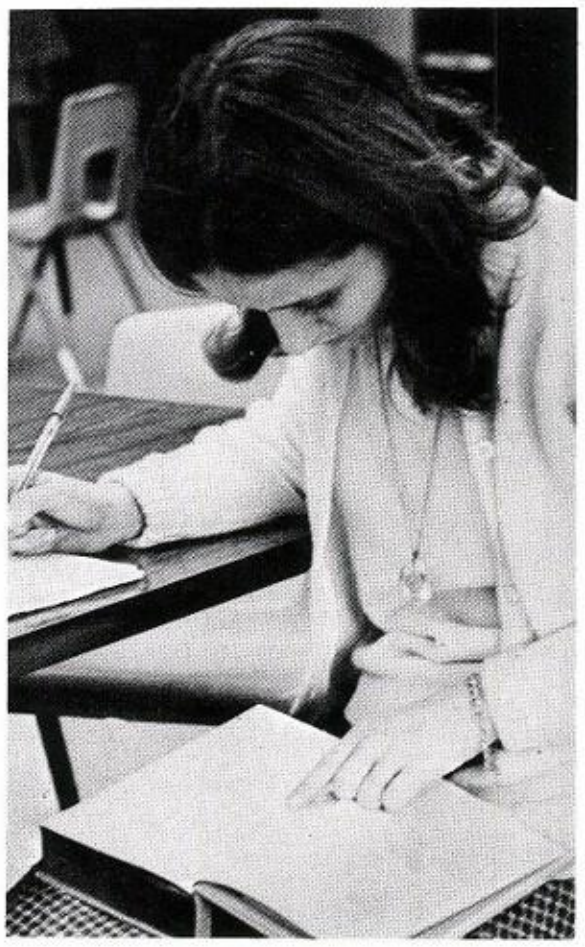
(ABOVE) NELSON BALLARD searches for information pertaining to the subject of his research theme. (Left) Gary Moon discusses a confusing math problem with other equally confused seniors, Gaylon Evans and Renee McKnight.

Nominees Lead in Class, Club Activities

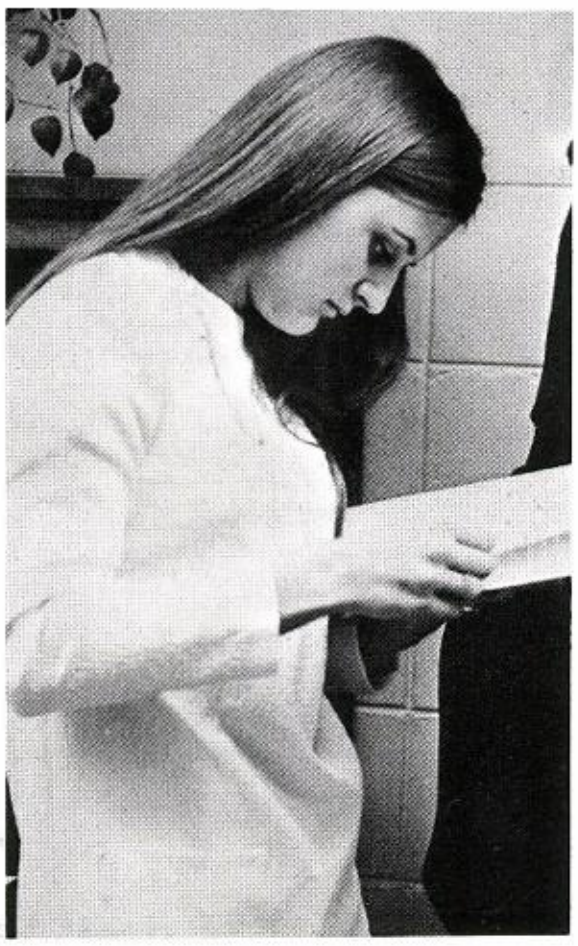


AS MR. KESNER works in other sections, Alice Stevenson completes her homework.

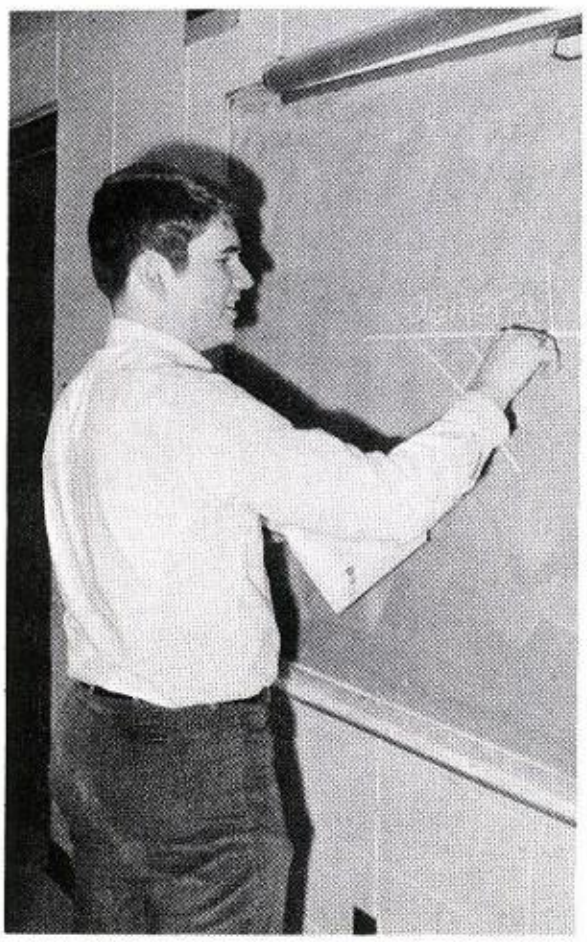
VOTING IS ONE OF many responsibilities confronting Fred Williams.



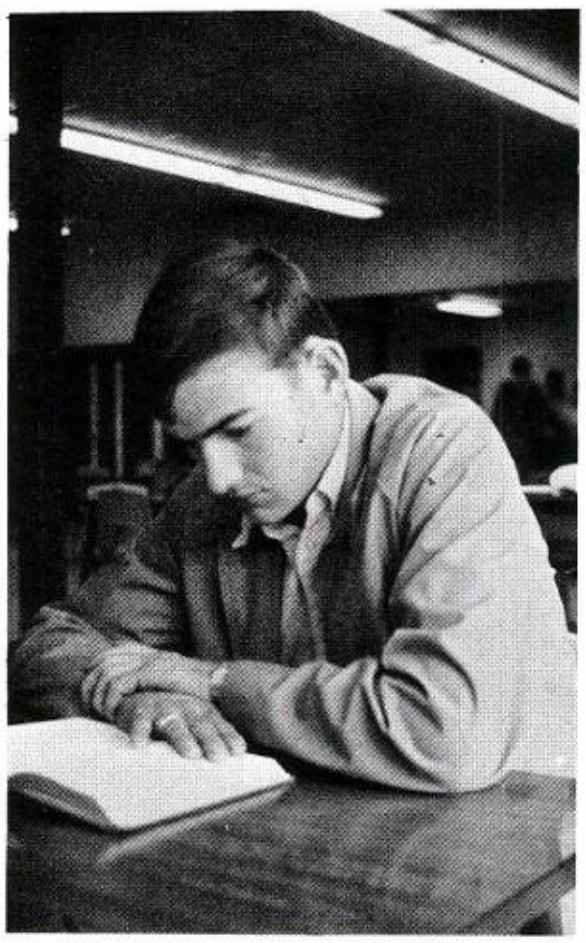
LIBRARY RESEARCH MATERIALS aid Debbie Warren in making special reports.



BRENDA GLASS MAKES use of the college preparatory materials in the library.



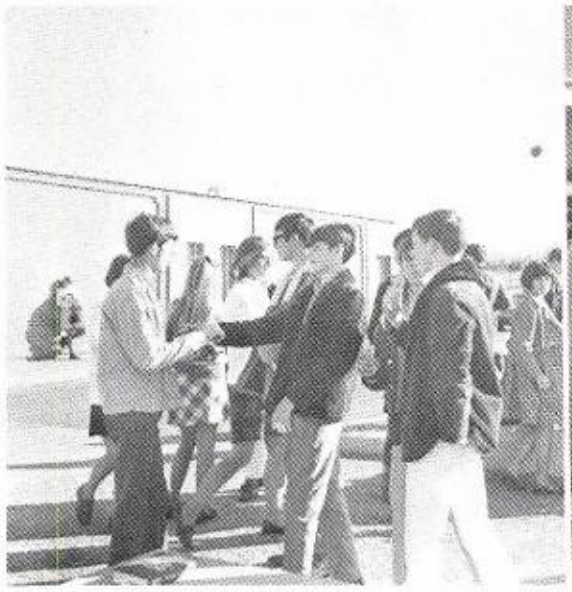
GRAMMAR POSES PERPLEXING problems for most seniors, including Gaylon Evans.



GARY BOEN UTILIZES a few spare moments to prepare for an upcoming book report.

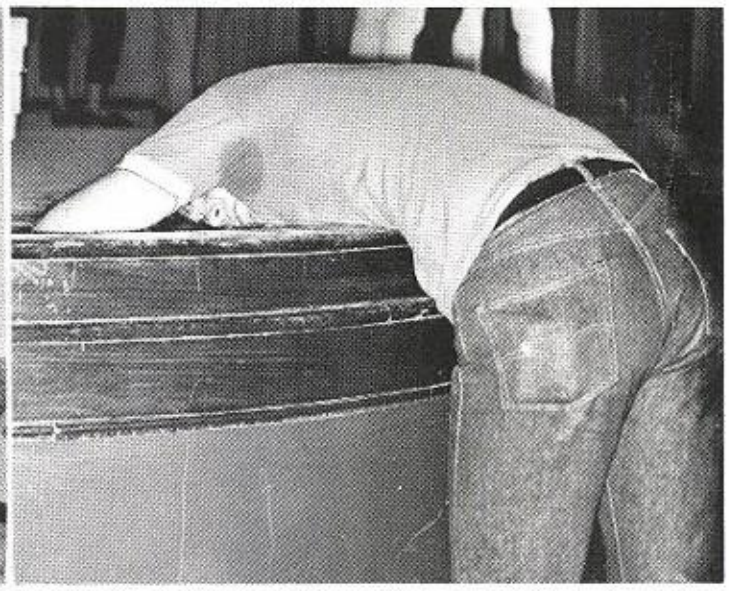
Student Body Puts Capital 'S' On Service

THE PRESENTATION OF "Babes in Toyland" was only one sign of service at Van Buren. Yet, what the school means to its student body can be summed up in a few words. . .



Friendship. . .

Service. . .



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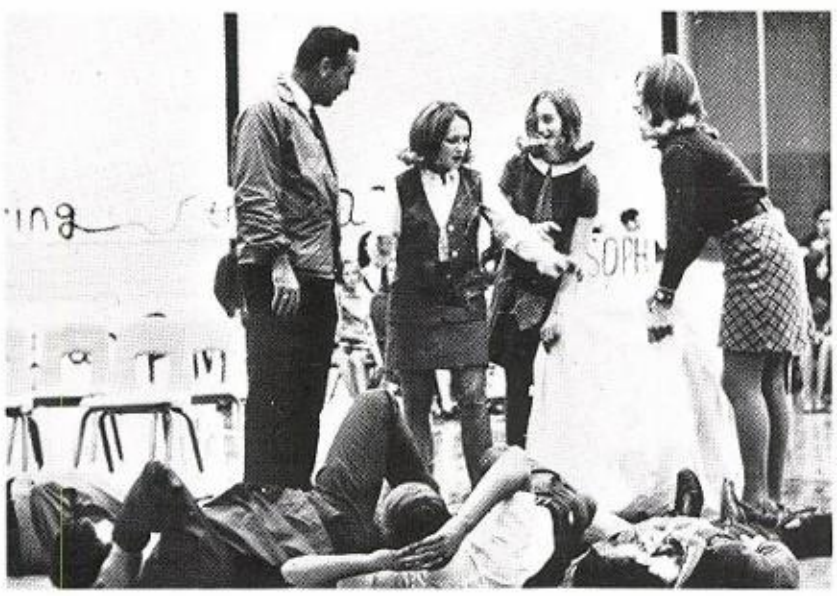
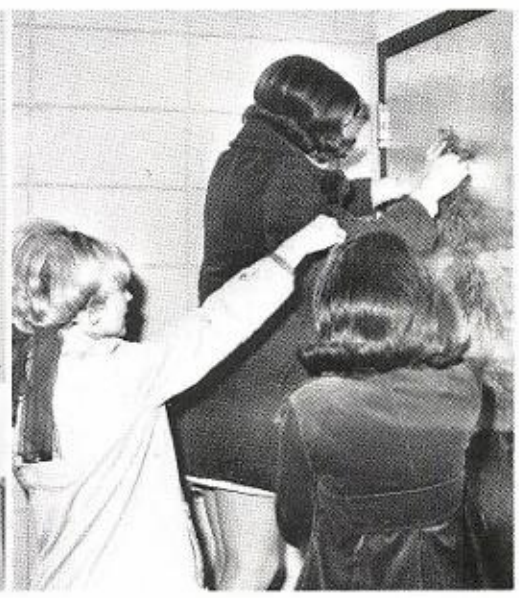


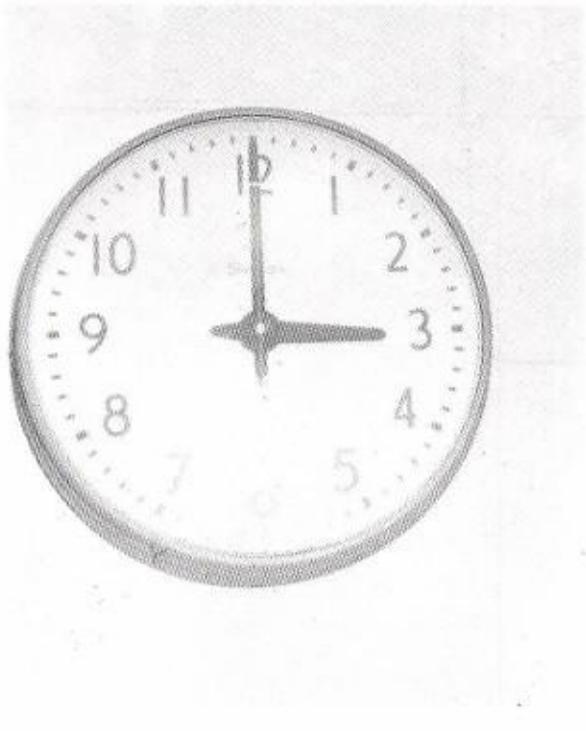
Spirit. . .

Involvement. . .



Creativity. . .

SILENT CONGRATULATIONS FROM one senior to another echo through a glistening hall of memories. The senior ring, now a symbol of graduation, will soon become representative of love–for school, country, and fellow man.

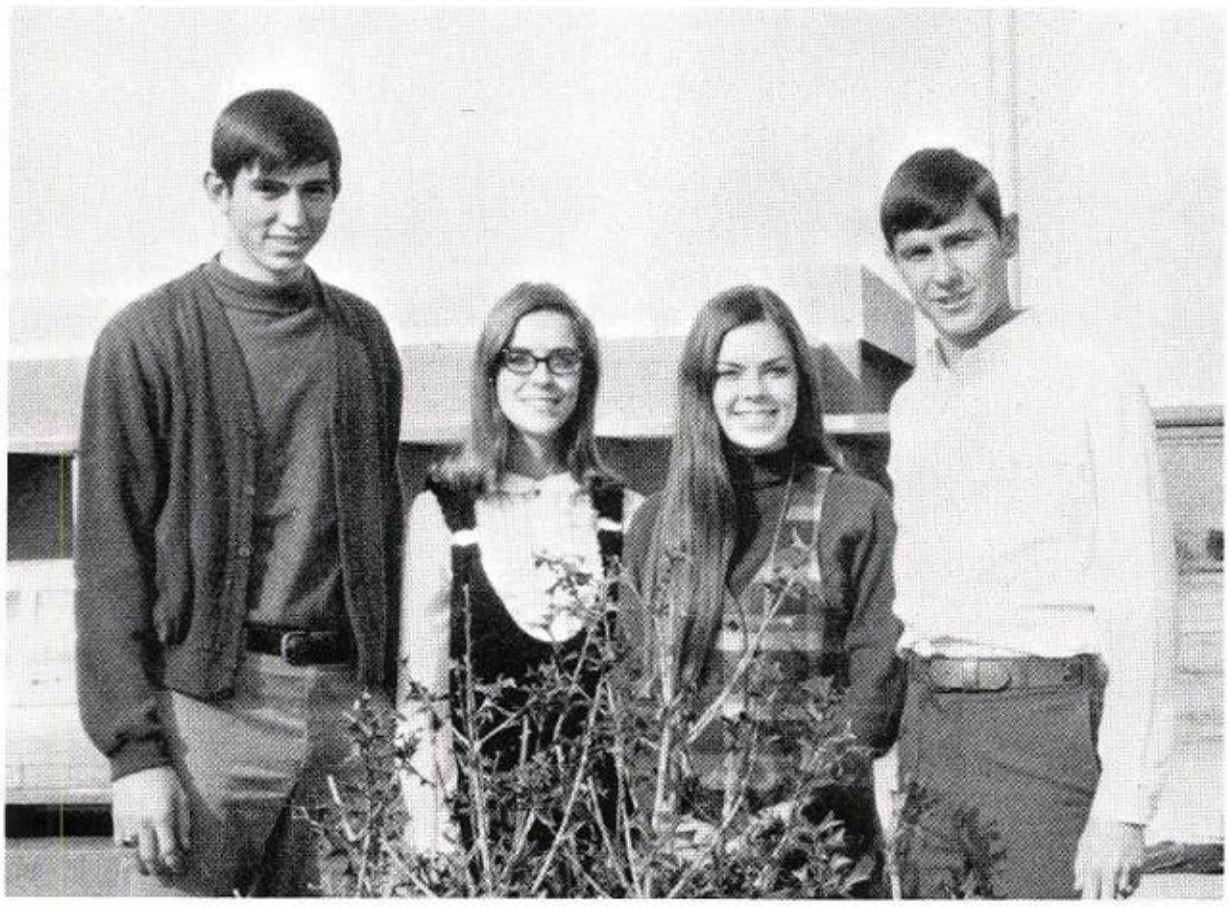


THE CENTRALIZED ELECTRIC clocks sometimes seem extra slow, or extra fast, depending on how the day goes. Yet, for the senior, graduation is one step closer with each 3 p.m. bell.

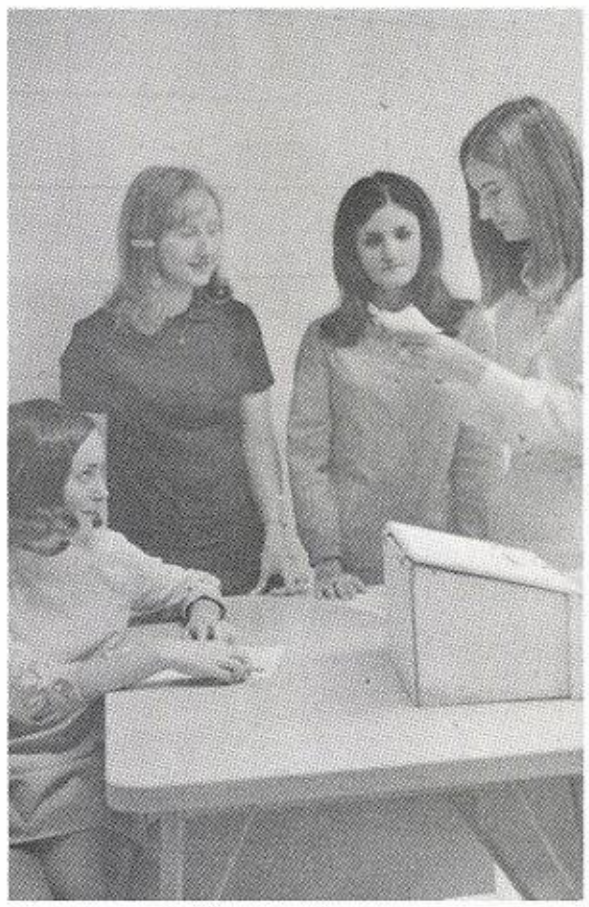
Symbols, Styles Solidify Senior

VARIETY IS THE spice of life as coordinated and uncoordinated fashions are the rule and not the exception. Coeds illustrate the different looks in casual dress with colorful footwear and short, but acceptable skirts.

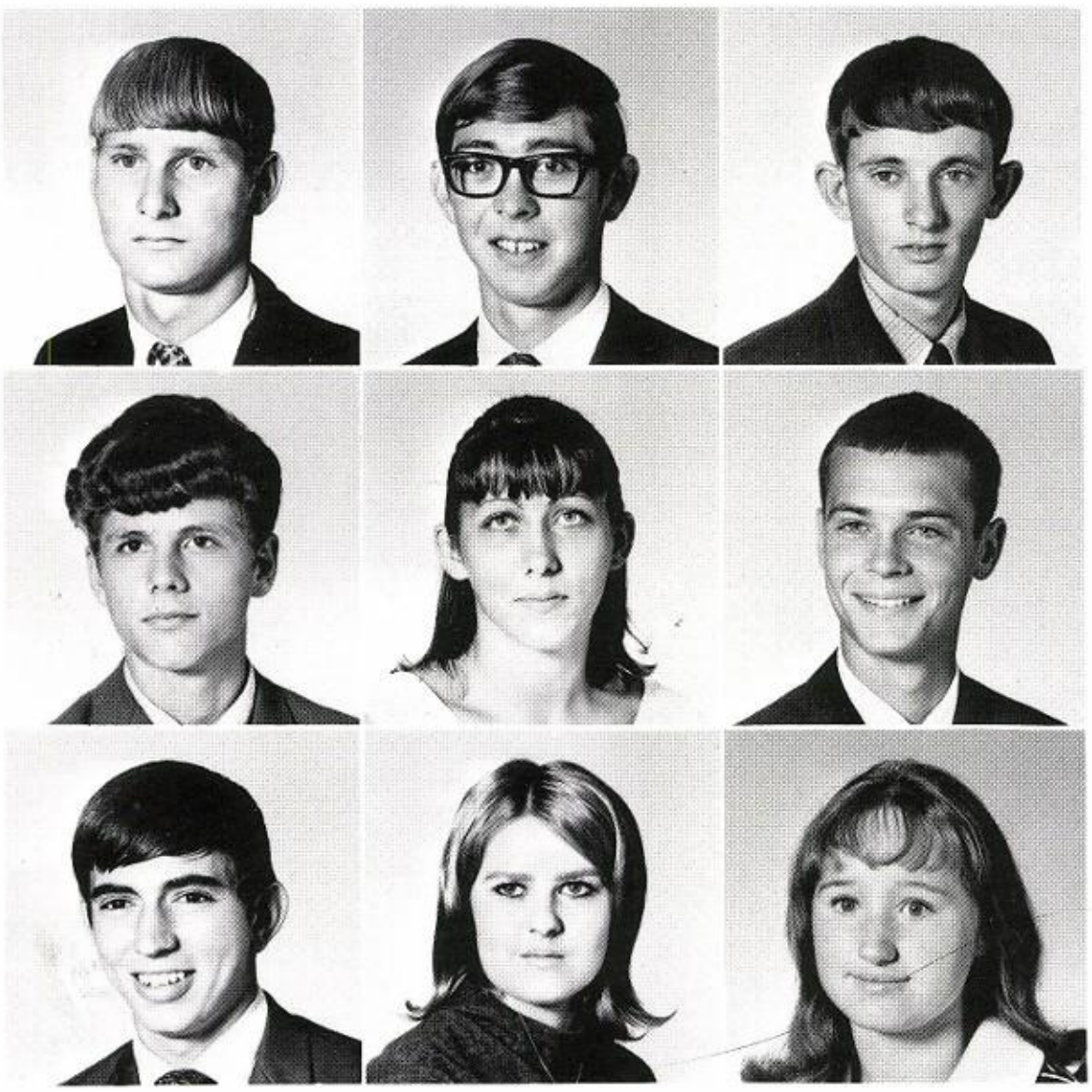
Officers Represent 172 Upperclassmen



THESE SENIOR CLASS officers met the test for 1969-70. They are Nelson Ballard, President; Sissie Freeman, Reporter; Alice Stevenson, Secretary; Fred Williams, Vice-president.



GETTING READY TO cast her vote, Marlene Purcell marks her choice as Susie Fontaine, Lee Batchelor, and Paula Brown watch. There have been several important school elections this year.



SENIORS

Adams, Wally—Basketball 2; FCA . . .

Altes, Eddie—Band 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus, 3; Mixed Ensemble; Belle of the West, 3 . . .

Arnold, Dickie—. . .

Arnold, Steve—Band 1,2,3 . . .

Atkinson, Penelope—Honor Society 2,3; Mu Alpha Theta. . .

Ball, Ralph—Outstanding Jr. Cadet; ROTC; Lt. Colonel, 3; Pres. Interact 3; Student Council, 3; FCA; Football, Basketball, Track Manager. . .

Ballard, Nelson—Soph. Class Vice-Pres.; Student Council 1,2,3; Boy's State; Interact; Honor Society 2,3; FCA; Football, 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Golf Team; Senior Class Pres. 3 . . .

Barnes, Connie—Deca 3

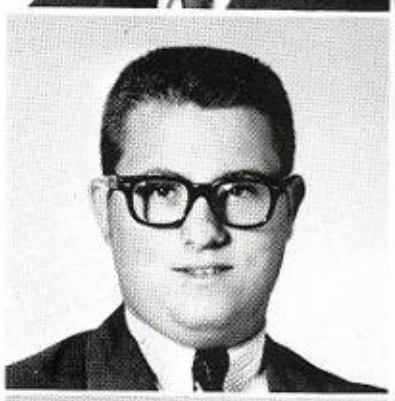
Batchelor, Lee—Pointer Pack 1; FTA; Interact; Office Staff 1 . . .

1970 Brings Largest Graduating Class

Bates, Danny—Basketball 1,2,3; FCA. . .

Beckham, Phyllis—. . .

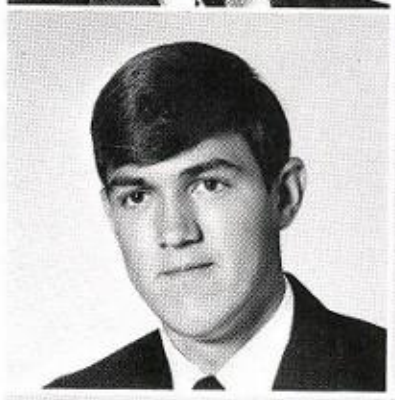
Bell, Debbie—Homecoming 2; Junior Miss Pageant 3; Cheerleader 2,3; FTA 2; FHA 3; Partners In Christ 1; Student Council 2,3; Glee Club 2; Senior Beauty Candidate. . .



Bell, Dickie—Deca 2,3 . . .

Bentley, Mary—. . .

Berry, Varian—. . .



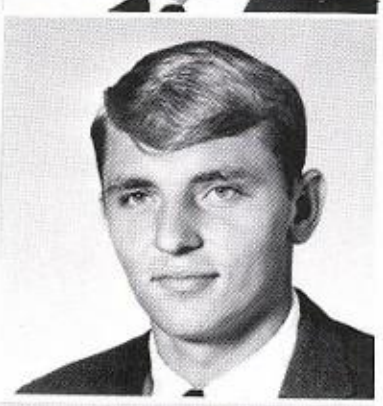
Blount, Ronnie—ROTC. . .

Boster, Charles—DECA 2,3. . .

Boster, David—. . .

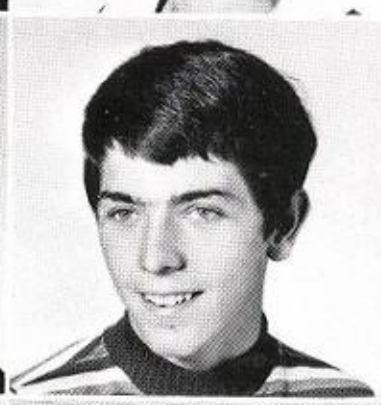
Bowen, Gary—Basketball; FCA. . .

Bowen, Judy—. . .



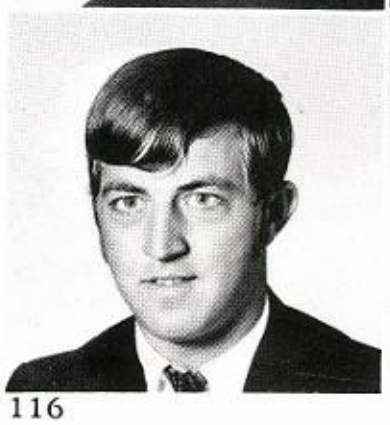
Brammer, Jerry—Vice-Pres. FCA, 3; Football 1,2,3 . . .

Brasuell, Cathy—Miss Jr. Class; Soph. Valentine Royalty; FHA, 3; Pointer Pack 1. . .



Brasuell, Randy—Football 2; Track. . .

Bryant, Deborah—Transfer from Little Rock. . .

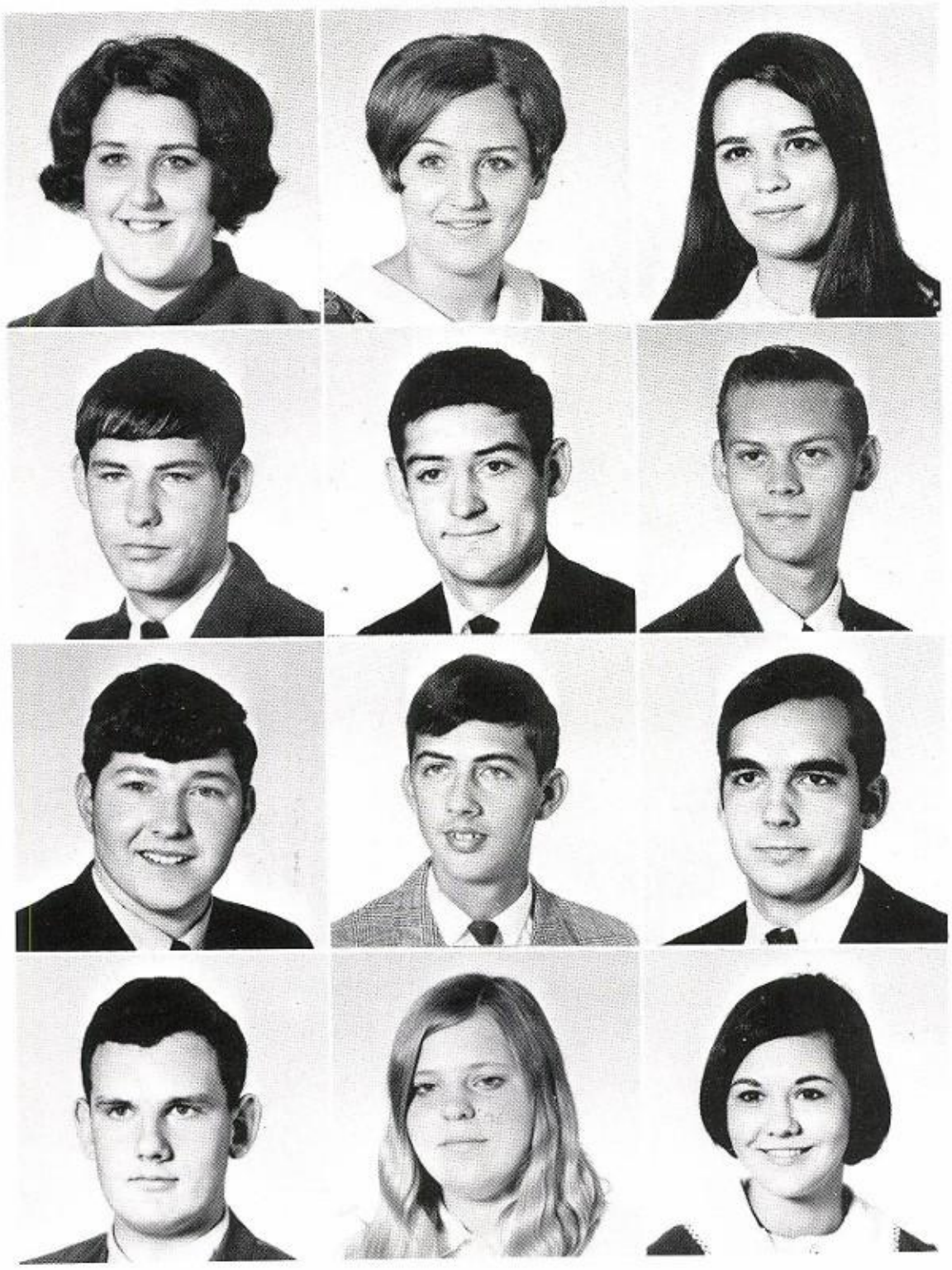


Breeden, Larry—DECA-VICA. . .

Breeden, Sharon—Partners in Christ, 3; Mixed Chorus,3 . . .

Brown, Paula—Pointer Pack 1,2; FHA 3; Office Staff 2,3 . . .

BRENDA CLUCK SHOWS active participation as she hangs her campaign sign for senior class reporter.



SENIORS

Christian, Lou—. . .

Clotfelter, Jeanne—Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Librarian 3 . . .

Cluck, Brenda—Band 1,2,3; FTA 3; Band Officer 2,3; POINTER TRAIL 3; POINTER 3; Pointer Pack 1; Class Officer 2. . .

Coppinger, Ricky—. . .

Corbell, Bobby—Band 1,2,3; Science Club . . .

Cox, Gary—. . .

Cox, Kenneth—ROTC; DECA . . .

Crawford, Larry—Band 1,2,3; Science Club. . .

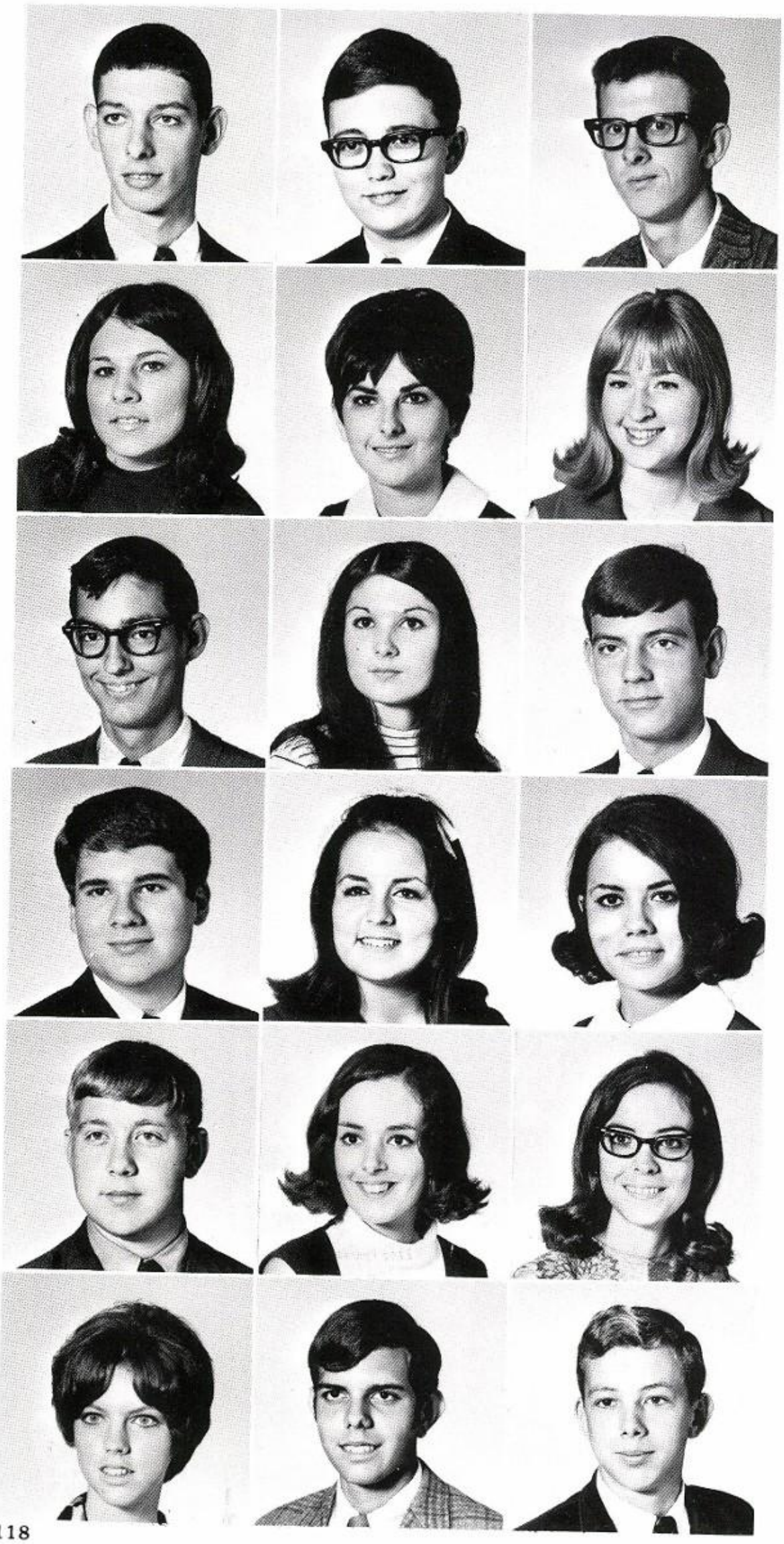
Creekmore, Ken—Student Council 1,2,3; Pres. Student Body 3; Honor Society 2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Boys State; Interact 2,3; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Mixed Ensemble; Jr. Play; Belle of the West; Babes In Toyland. . .

Daily, Richard—Honor Society 2,3; Mu Alpha Theta; French Club; Photo-journalism Club; Annual Staff 2, 3. . .

Darland, Linda—. . .

Dewitt, Helen—FTA 1,2; Honor Society 2,3; Jr. Play; Interact Sec..2. . .

Seniors Follow Busy Activity Schedule



SENIORS

Dillard, Dennie—Basketball 1,2,3; FCA. . .

Dipboye, Gary—Chess Club; DECA. . .

Dodson, Troy—. . .

Dougan, Sue—French Club; Pointer Pack. . .

Dyer, Debbie—Pointer Pack 2; Partners In Christ 1,2; Mixed Chorus 1,2,3; Belle of the West 2. . .

Edmisten, Chris—Honor Society, 2,3; Girls State; Honor Usher; Treblettes, 2,3; Mixed Chorus; Glee Club; FTA; French Club; Babes in Toyland. . .

Elliott, Darrell—Partners In Christ. . .

England, Liz—FTA; FHA; Pointer Pack; DECA Treas. 3; Girls Basketball Manager. . .

Eoff, Jackie—Basketball Manager 1,2. . .

Evans, Gaylon—Boys State; Honor Society 2,3; Treas. 3; Student Council 3; Mixed Ensemble; Interact; Mixed Chorus; Jr. Play. . .

Faldon, Yolanda—Jr. Valentine Royalty; Pointer Pack; FTA; Interact Sec. 3; Girl's Basketball 2,3. . .

Faucher, Diane—FTA; FHA; Pointer Pack Officer; Girl's Basketball 2. . .

Floyd, Kenneth—Band 1,2,3; ROTC. . .

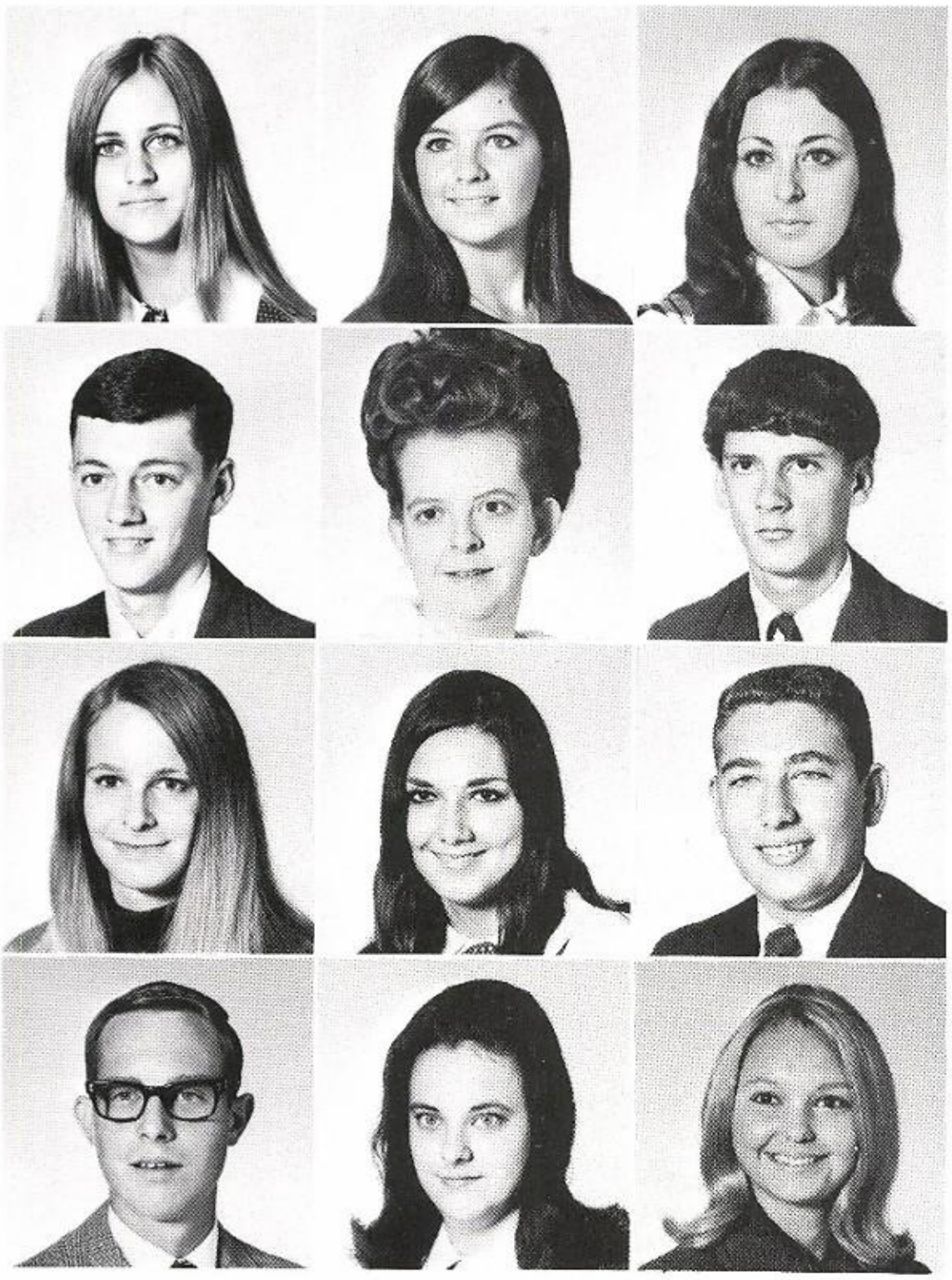
Fontaine, Susie—Pointer Pack 1; FHA Officer 1; Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

Freeman, Sissie—Jr. Class Reporter; Soph. Class Reporter; Sr. Class Reporter; Miss Sophomore Class Candidate; Miss Jr. Class Candidate; Honor Society 2,3; Girls State; Jr. ROTC Sponsor; Pointer Pack; Glee Club; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Mixed Ensemble 3. . .

Gardner, Julia—Mixed Ensemble; Student Council 3; Partners In Christ; FTA; Pointer Pack; Interact; Mixed Chorus. . .

Gautier, Douglas—ROTC Honor Guard; French Club. . .

Gilstrap, Dennis—DECA-VICA. . .



Glass, Brenda–Soph. Valentine Royalty; Jr. Beauty Nominee; Junior Miss Pageant; Homecoming 3; Student Council Sec.-Treas. 2; Honor Society 2,3; Co-Head Cheerleader 3; FTA; Partners In Christ 1. . .

Goines, Myrna–Honor Society 2,3; Girl's Basketball 2; Jr. Play 2. . .

Goodwin, Marianne–Pointer Pack; Mixed Chorus 3; Glee Club 2. . .

Gordon, Larry–DECA; Basketball 1,2; FCA. . .

Griffis, Pamela–Mixed Chorus 1,3; Glee Club 2; Partners In Christ 1,3; Belle of the West 2; FHA 3; Librarian; Babes In Toyland. . .

Haggard, Martin–. . .

Hall, Betsy–Homecoming 3; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Interact 3. . .

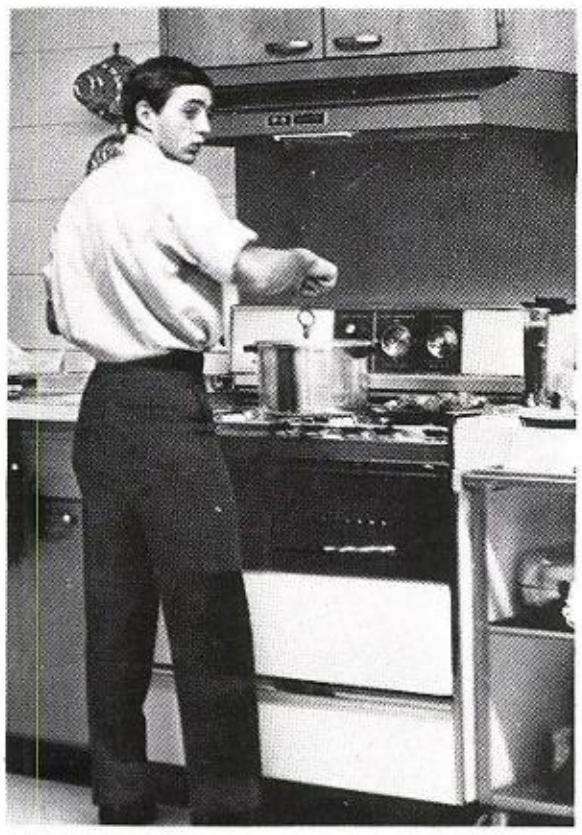
Hall, Vickie–Homecoming Queen 3; Homecoming 1; Pointer Pack 1,2; Vice-Pres. FHA 3. . .

Harris, Carl–Pres. Mu Alpha Theta 3; Honor Society 2,3; Photojournalism Club. . .

Harris, Larry–. . .

Harris, Linda–FHA; Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

Hayes, Carlene–DECA Sweetheart; Sec. DECA 3; FTA; Majorette 2; Band 1,2. . .



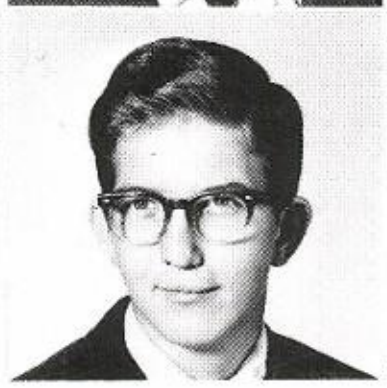
THE OLD SAYING that cooking is woman's work is clearly pictured in Johnny Moore's face as he prepares a dish for Home and Family Living.

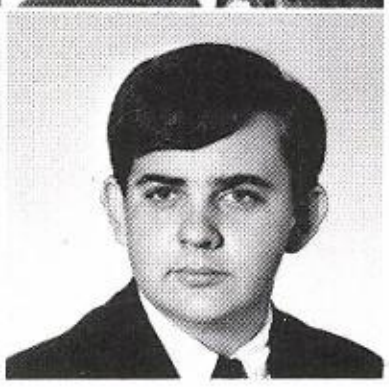
ADDING A little bit of soul to the "Season's Vibrations" through music are seniors Buddy Fisher, Gerry Dan Langston, and Randy Brasuell.

Road To Graduation Sometimes Bumpy

TO BE A GRADUATE or not to be a graduate that is the question facing two senior boys, Ricky Newton and Gerry Dan Langston.

ENTHUSIASTIC POINTER CHEERLEADERS advance across the Pointer end zone anticipating the start of the game.





Herring, Brenda—. . .

Hess, Tim—Band 1,2,3; Mixed Chorus; Mixed Ensemble; Partners In Christ. . .

Hogan, Everett—Reporter, DECA 3. . .

Holland, Jayne—Pointer Pack; Librarian; Glee Club 2,3; French Club. . .

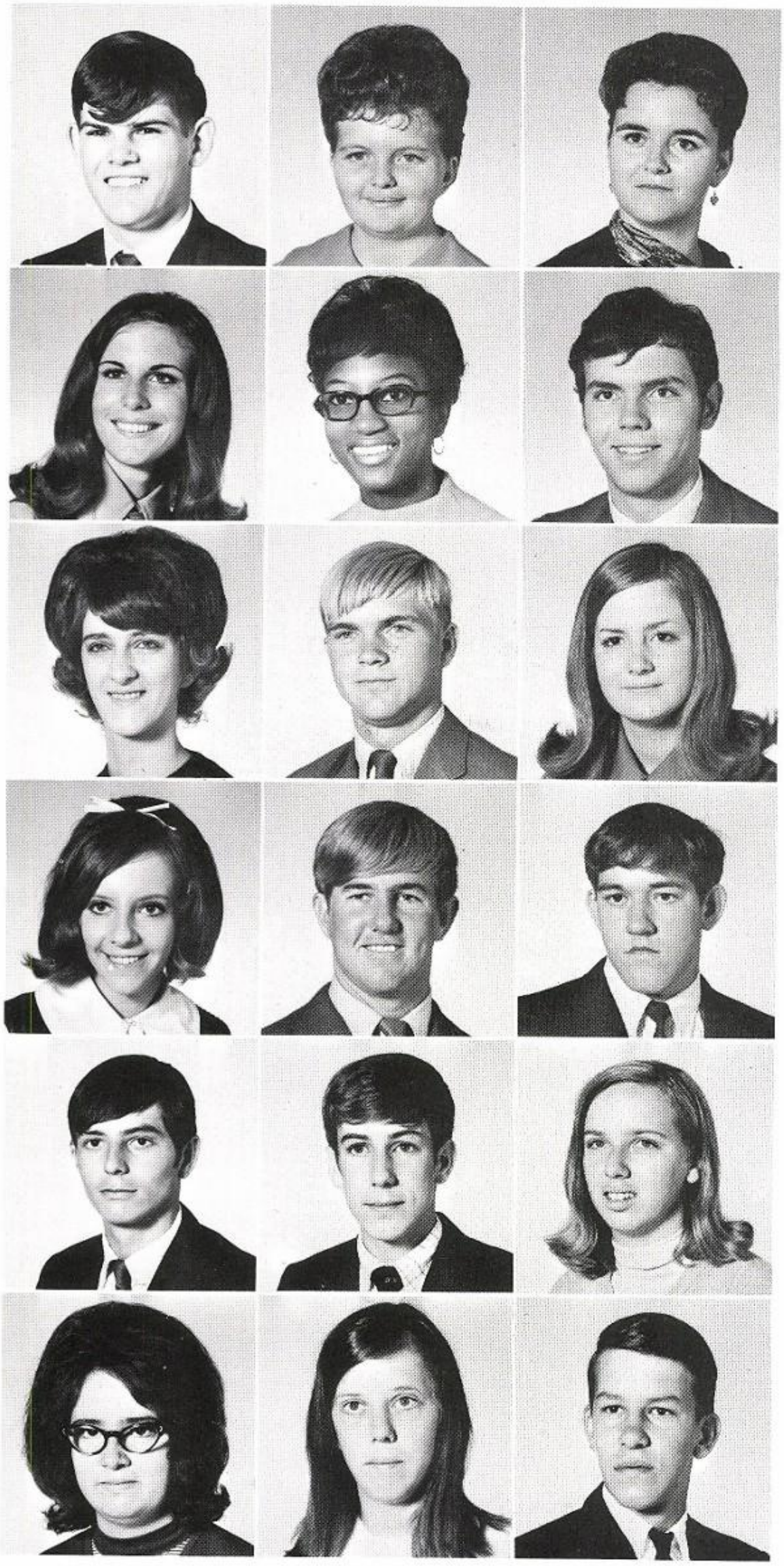
House, Jimmy—Football 1,2,3. . .

Hubbs, Randy—. . .

Huckeby, Johnny—. . .

Huffstetler, Eddie—. . .

Isam, John—French Club; Band 1,2,3. . .



SENIORS

Ivy, Terry—Honor Guard, ROTC. . .

Jacobs, Darlene—. . .

Jetton, Phyllis—Glee Club 1,2; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

Johnson, Debbie—Belle of the West 2; Treblettes 2,3; Mixed Chorus 3; Glee Club 2; Pointer Pack 2,3; Babes in Toyland, 3. . .

Johnson, Shirl—Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; FTA. . .

Jones, Dennis—Jr. Play; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Belle of the West 2; Babes In Toyland 3. . .

Jones, Emma—FHA; Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Pointer Trail; POINTER, 3. . .

Kaylor, Larry—Band 1; DECA 2,3. . .

Keeton, Mary—Glee Club 1,2; Mixed Chorus 3; Treblettes 1,2,3; Babes In Toyland 3; Office Staff 2,3. . .

Kelley, Ann—Pointer Pack; Glee Club; DECA 3. . .

Kennedy, Pat—Basketball Manager 2; Golf Team; FCA. . .

Kibler, David—. . .

Lacey, Paul—ROTC. . .

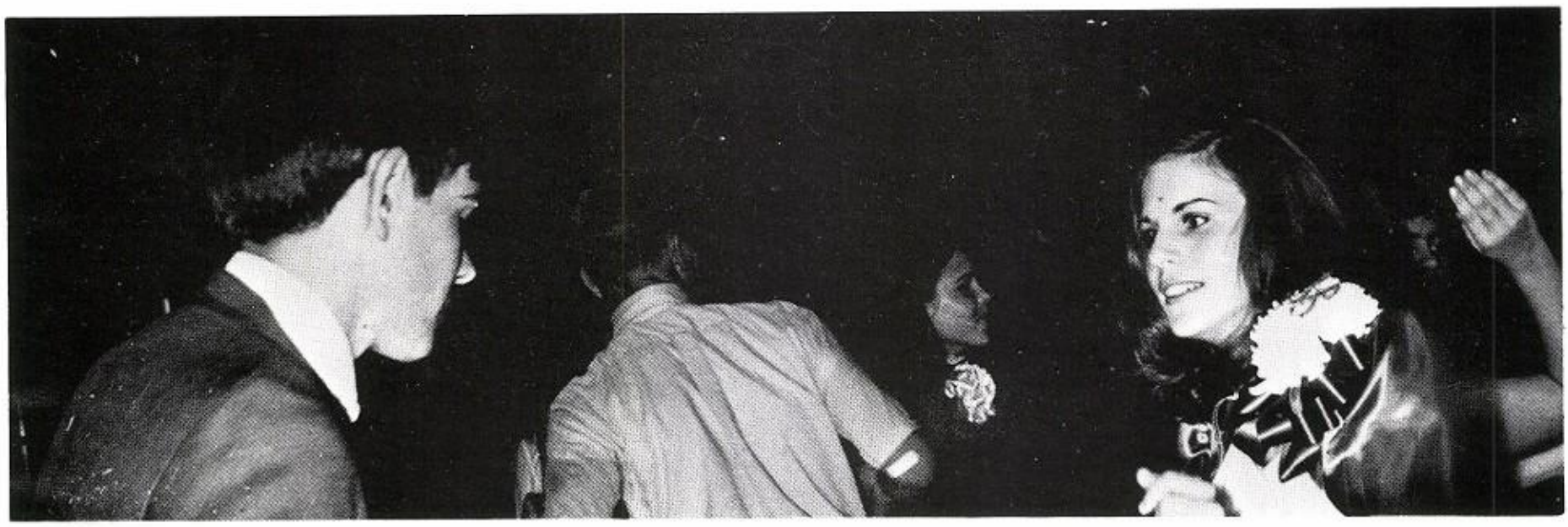
Langston, Gerry Dan—Football Manager; Band 1. . .

Lloyd, Helen—FHA; Librarian; Partners In Christ; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

Long, Mary—Glee Club. . .

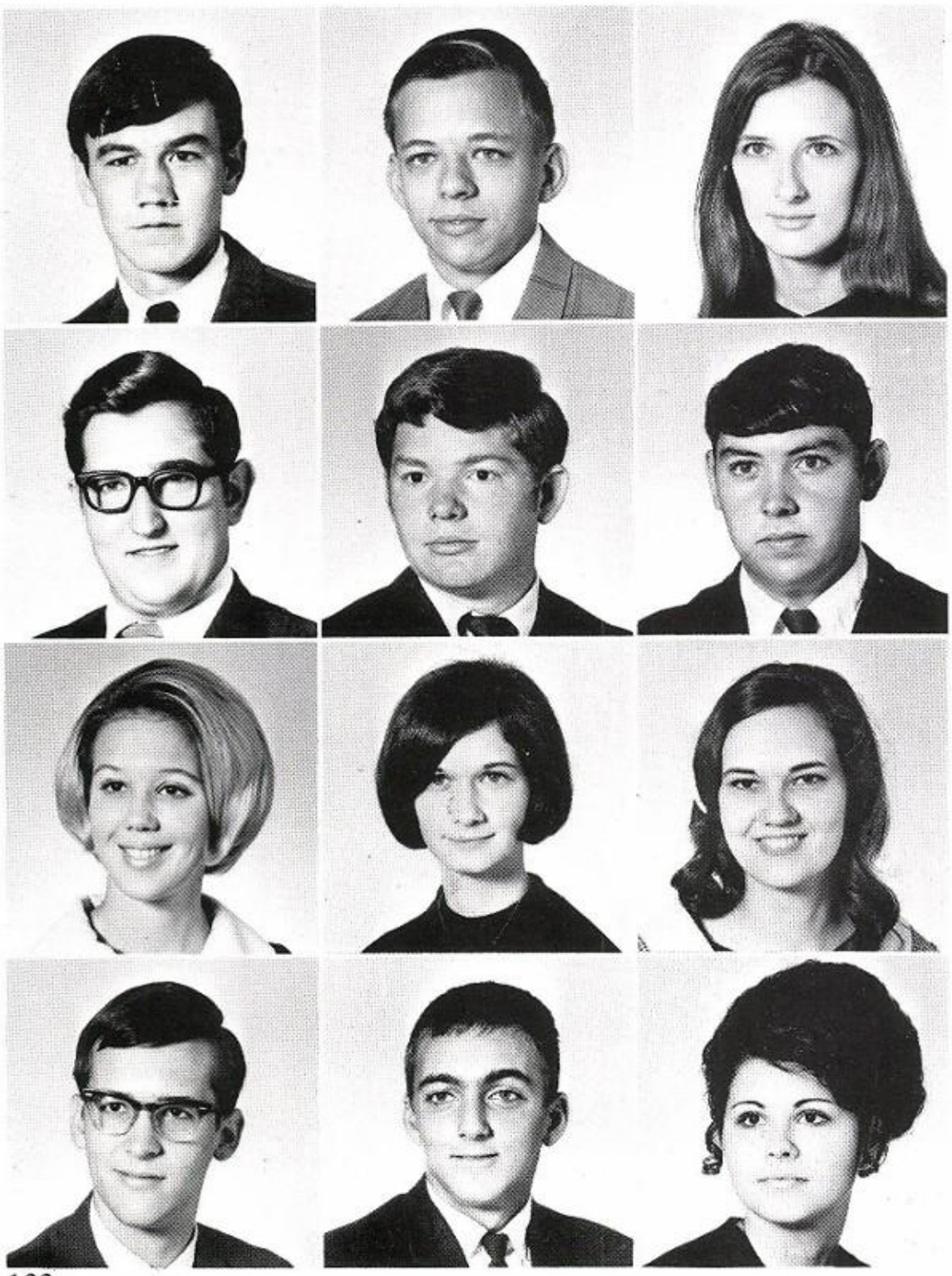
Manuel, Lysbeth—Partners In Christ; Pointer Pack 1,2,3; FHA. . .

Marley, Guy—ROTC. . .



SENIOR DEBBIE JOHNSON enjoys herself as she dances with her date, Jan Akins, at the traditional homecoming dance.

Homecoming Brings Excitement, Color



Martin, Tom—Soph. Valentine Royalty; Football 1,2,3; FCA. . .

Matthews, Kenneth—ROTC. . .

Mauldin, Judy—Pointer Pack 2. . .

Maxwell, Gary—ROTC; Honor Guard; French Club 1,2. . .

Maynard, Gary—. . .

McIlvain, Harold—. . .

McKnight, Renee—Girl's State; Van Buren Jr. Miss; Pointer Pack 1,2,3; Treblettes; FTA, Sec. 2; Pres. 3; Student Council 1,3; Jr. Play; Belle of the West; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Babes In Toyland. . .

Mondier, Diana—Pointer Pack 2. . .

Montgomery, Karen—Head Usher; Girl's State; Jr. Miss Pageant; Glee Club 1,2; Mixed Chorus 3; Treblettes; FHA; Partners In Christ; Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta 3. . .

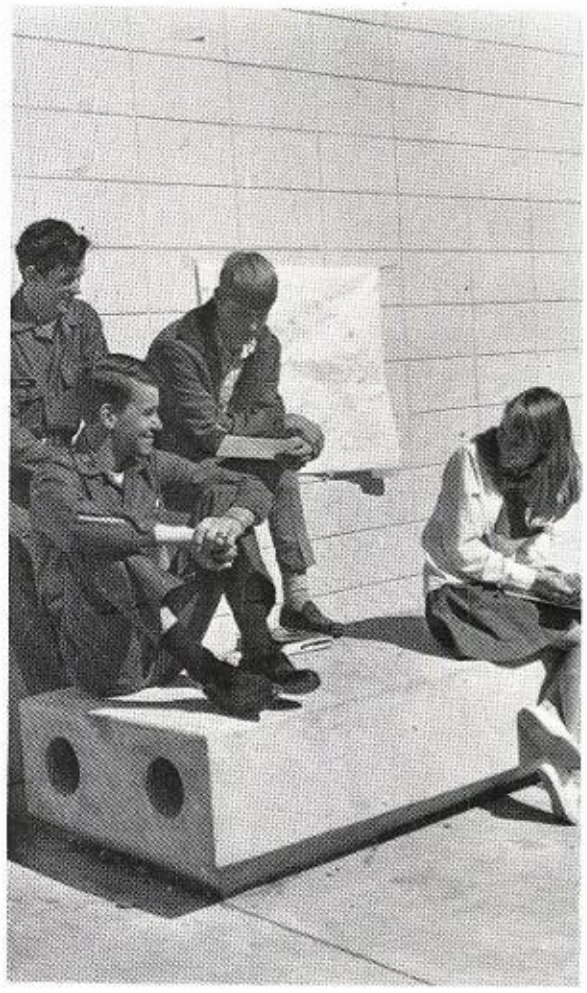
Moon, Gary—Boy's State; Partners In Christ; Mu Alpha Theta; Interact; Belle of the West 2; Babes In Toyland; Mixed Chorus, 2,3; Mixed Ensemble. . .

Moore, Darryl—Football 3. . .

Moore, Janice—. . .

Queen Coronation Climaxes Festivities

LISTENING INTENTLY, QUEEN Vickie Hall receives a compliment from Miss Bottoms, girl's P.E. teacher.



CONFIDENT SENIORS GUY Marley, Ray Snow, and Wally Adams, charm unsuspecting sophomore Shirley Armer.

SENIORS

Moore, Johnny—. . .

Morton, Bill—FCA; Sec.-Treas. 3; Basketball 1,2,3; Football Manager 3. . .

Neidecker, Dennis—DECA. . .

Neidecker, Stewart—ROTC; DECA. . .

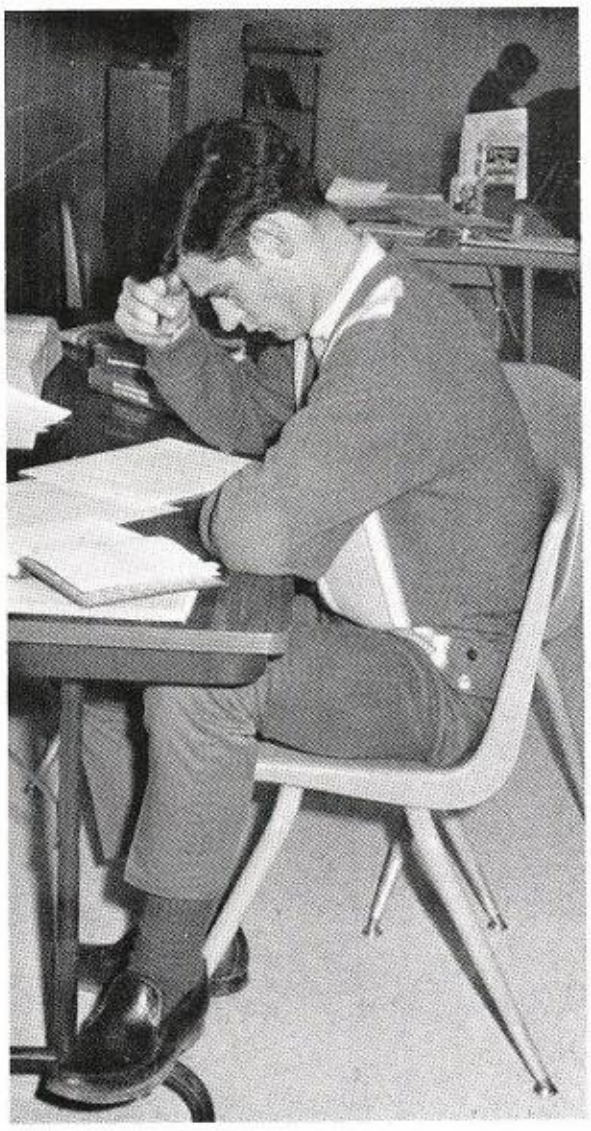
Newton, Ricky— ROTC 2,3. . .

Norwood, Larry—FCA; Football 3. . .

Odle, Donald—. . .

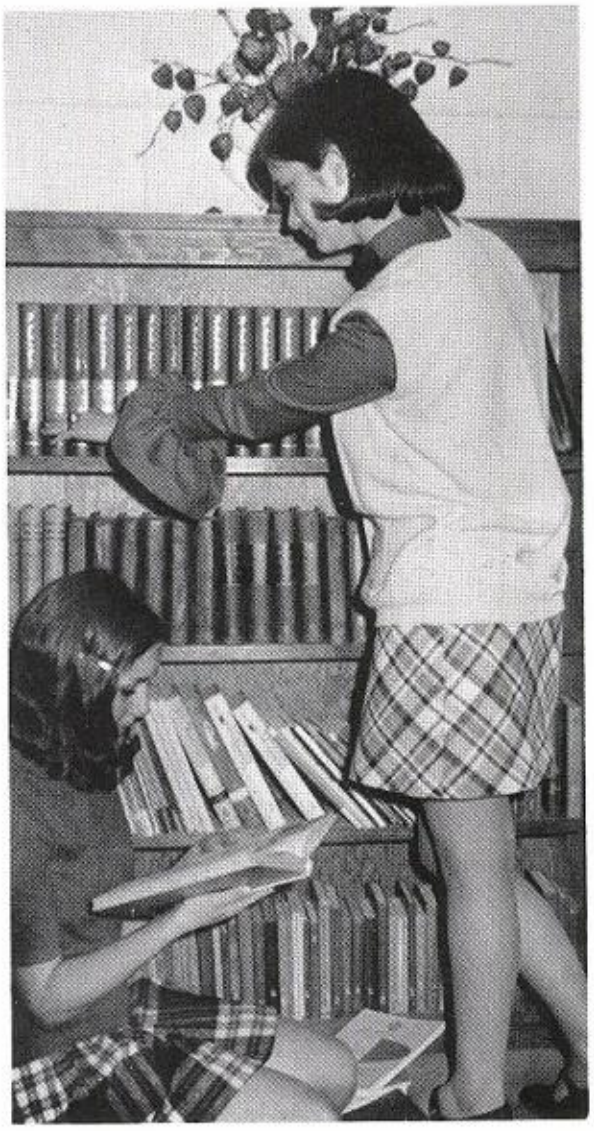
O'Kelly, Sharon—Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Photo Journalism 1. . .

Oliver, Burnell—Football 1,2; ROTC 2,3; DECA. . .

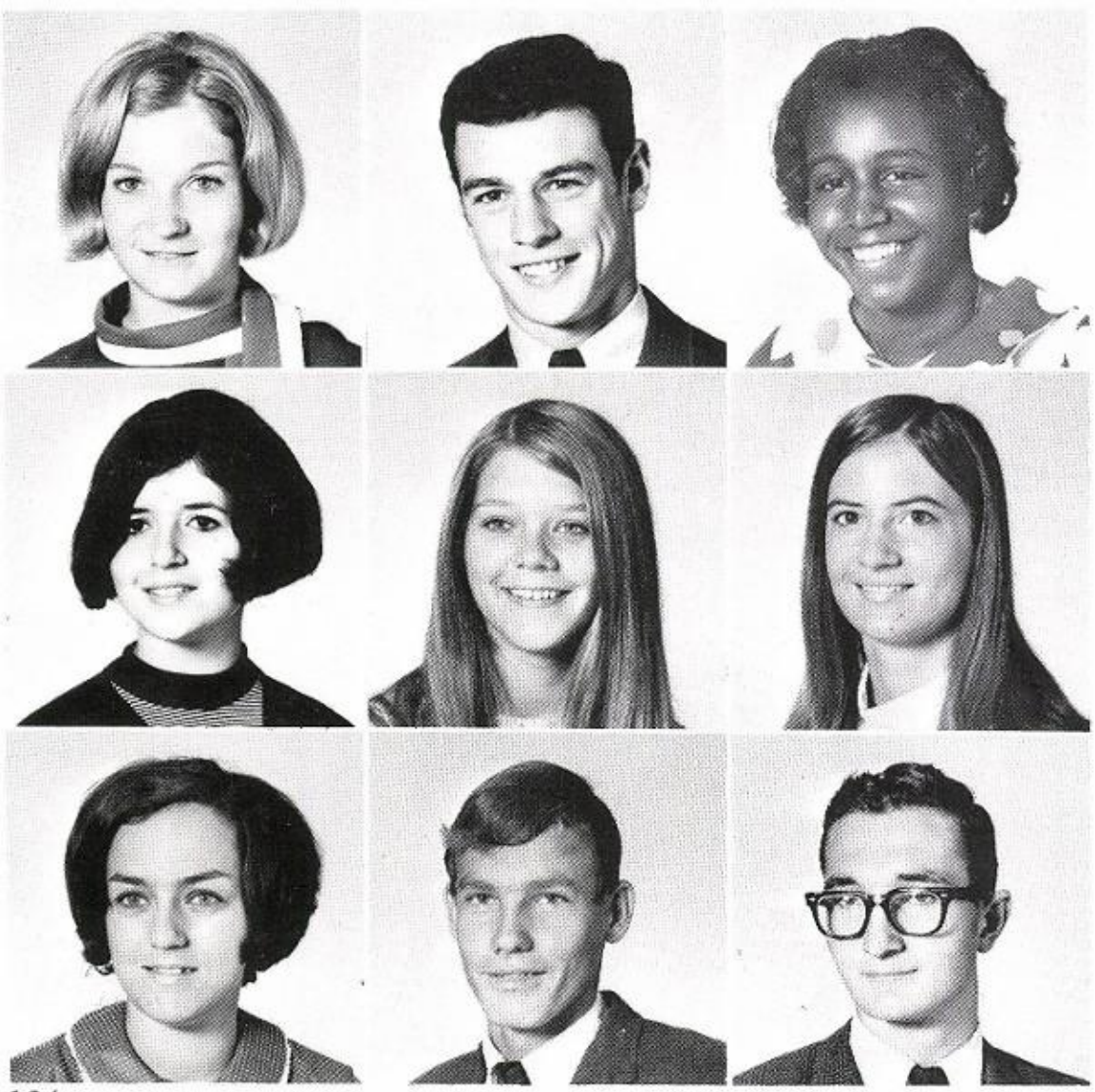


PROJECTING THE IMAGE of a studious senior, Arthur Perkins devotes his time to books.

BETSY HALL APPEARS to be pleased as Penny Atkinson places her signature on Betsy's petition for student office.



SENIORS DIANA MONDIER and Susie Fontaine consult literary masterpieces to complete an English assignment.



SENIORS

Parks, Carole–Pointer Pack Sec. 2; FHA 3; Girl's Basketball 1,2.

Perkins, Arthur–Football 1,3; Track 1,2,3; Golf 1,2,3; FCA; Quill and Scroll; POINTER; POINTER TRAIL 2. . .

Perry, Shirley–Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

Peters, Doris–FHA 3; Librarian 3; Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

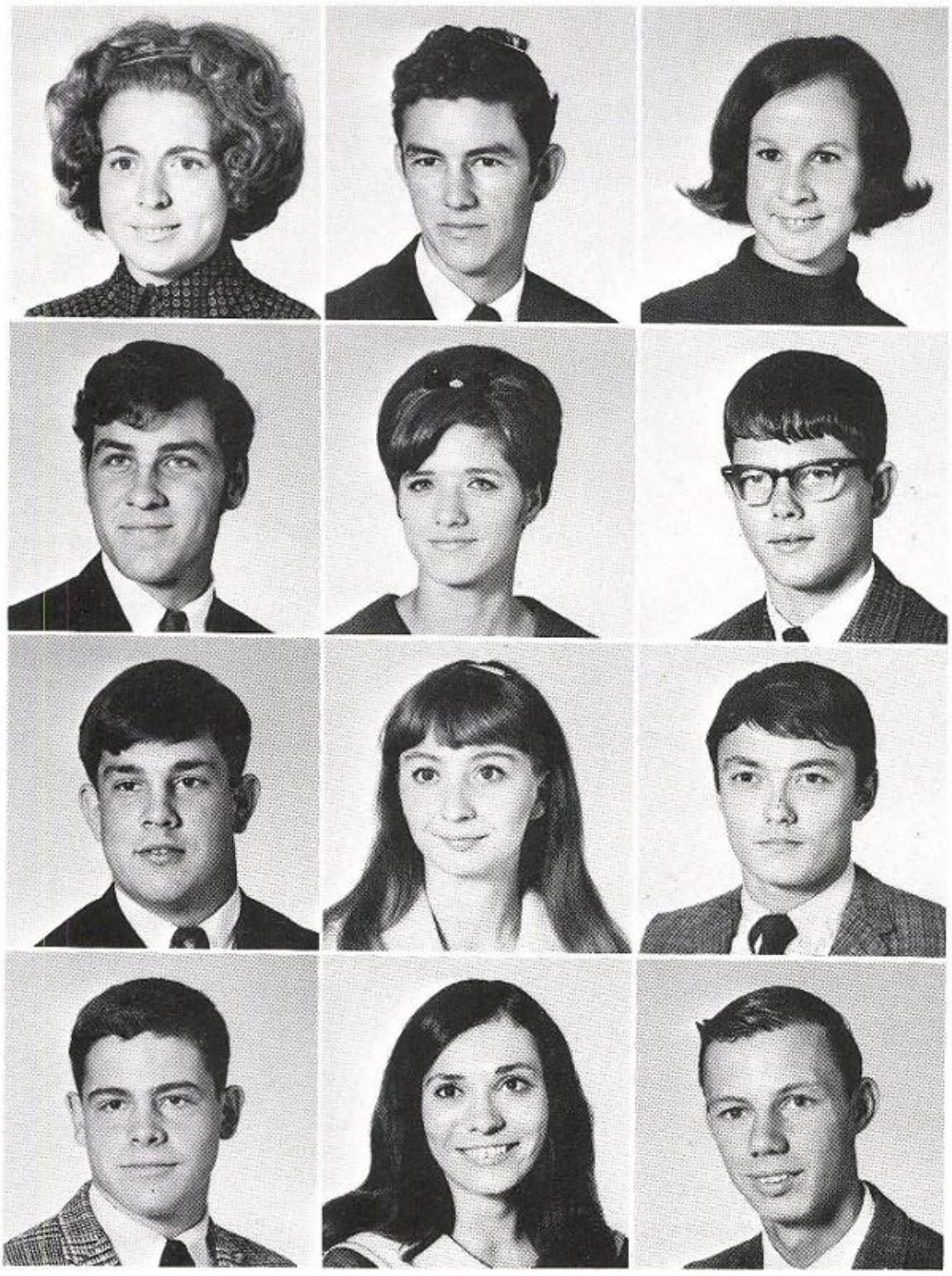
Preston, Lynn–Pointer Pack 1,2; Pres. 3; FTA 1,2; Partners In Christ; Student Council 1,2,3; Jr. Play; Girl's Basketball 2. . .

Purcell, Marlene–Pointer Pack 1,2; Glee Club 1; Valentine Royalty 2; Student Council 3; Girl's Basketball 1,2. . .

Ragge, Phyllis–FTA 2; Pointer Pack 1; POINTER 3; POINTER TRAIL 3; Band 1,2,3; Majorette 2; Head Majorette 3. . .

Rankin, Wayne–. . .

Reed, Tony–ROTC 2,3. . .



Richardson, Debbie—. . .

Richesin, Lonnie—. . .

Riley, Linda—FHA. . .

Roberts, Jimmy—. . .

Ross, Karolyn—Transfer from Carthage, Missouri. . .

Rozell, Jimmy—Football 1,2; FCA; DECA 3. . .

Runions, Chuck—Football 1,2,3; FCA Pres. 3; Track. . .

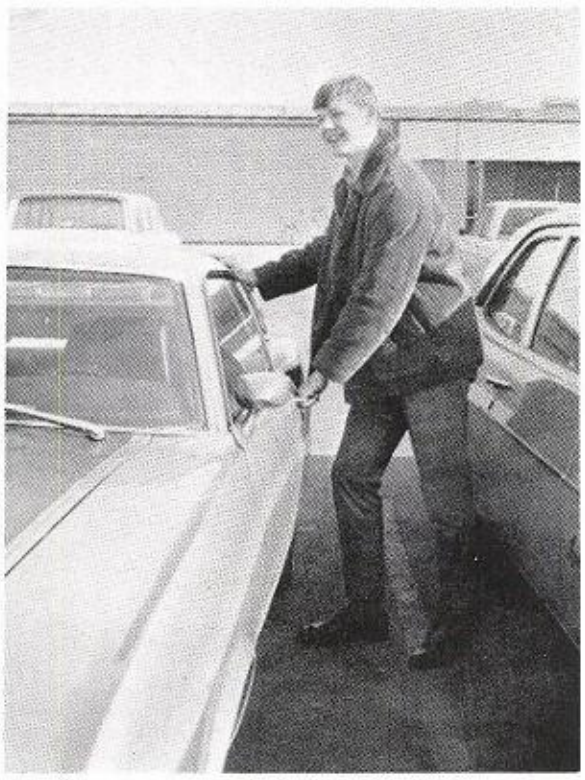
Scales, Jean—Band 1,2,3; Majorette 2,3; Pointer Pack. . .

Seabolt, Billy—Football 2,3; FCA. . .

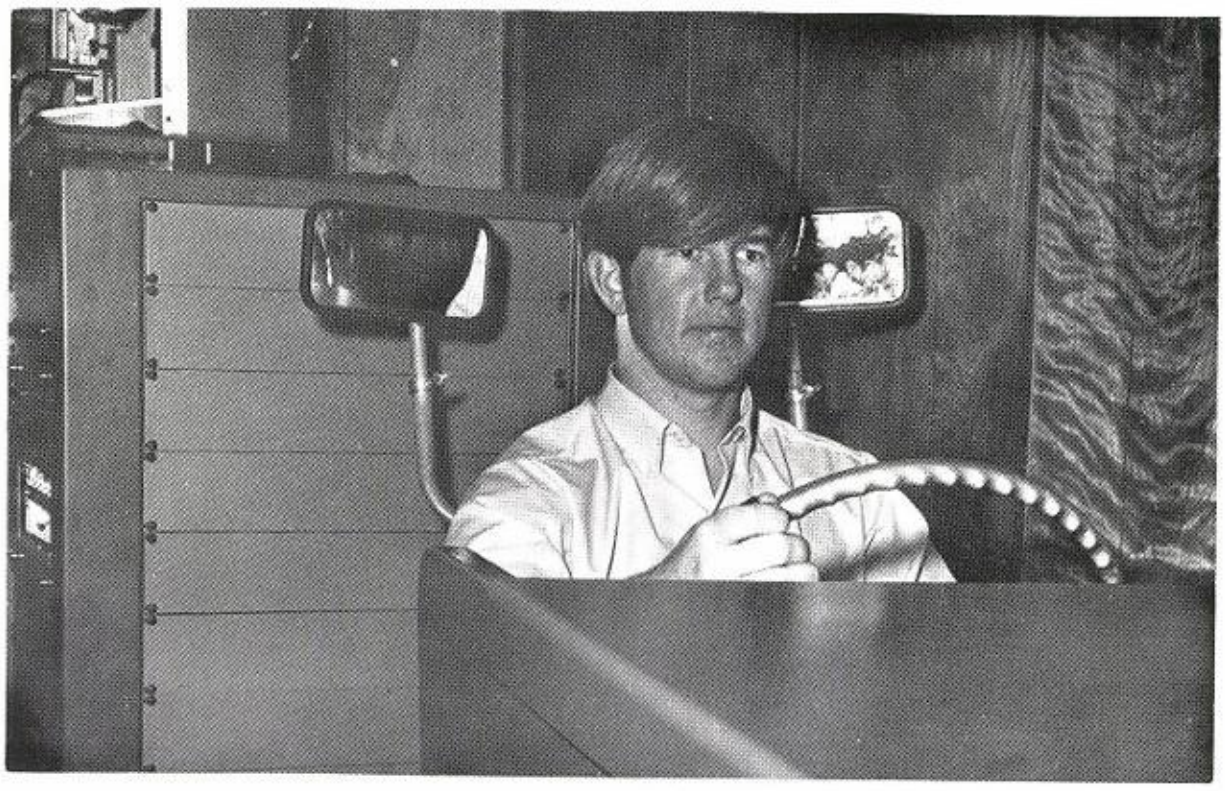
Selby, Jack—Football 2,3; FCA; FHA Beau 3. . .

Servold, Susie—Band Sweetheart 1; Head Majorette 2; Majorette 3; Jr. Class Pres.; Band Pres. 3; Pointer Pack. . .

Shelly, John—ROTC. . .

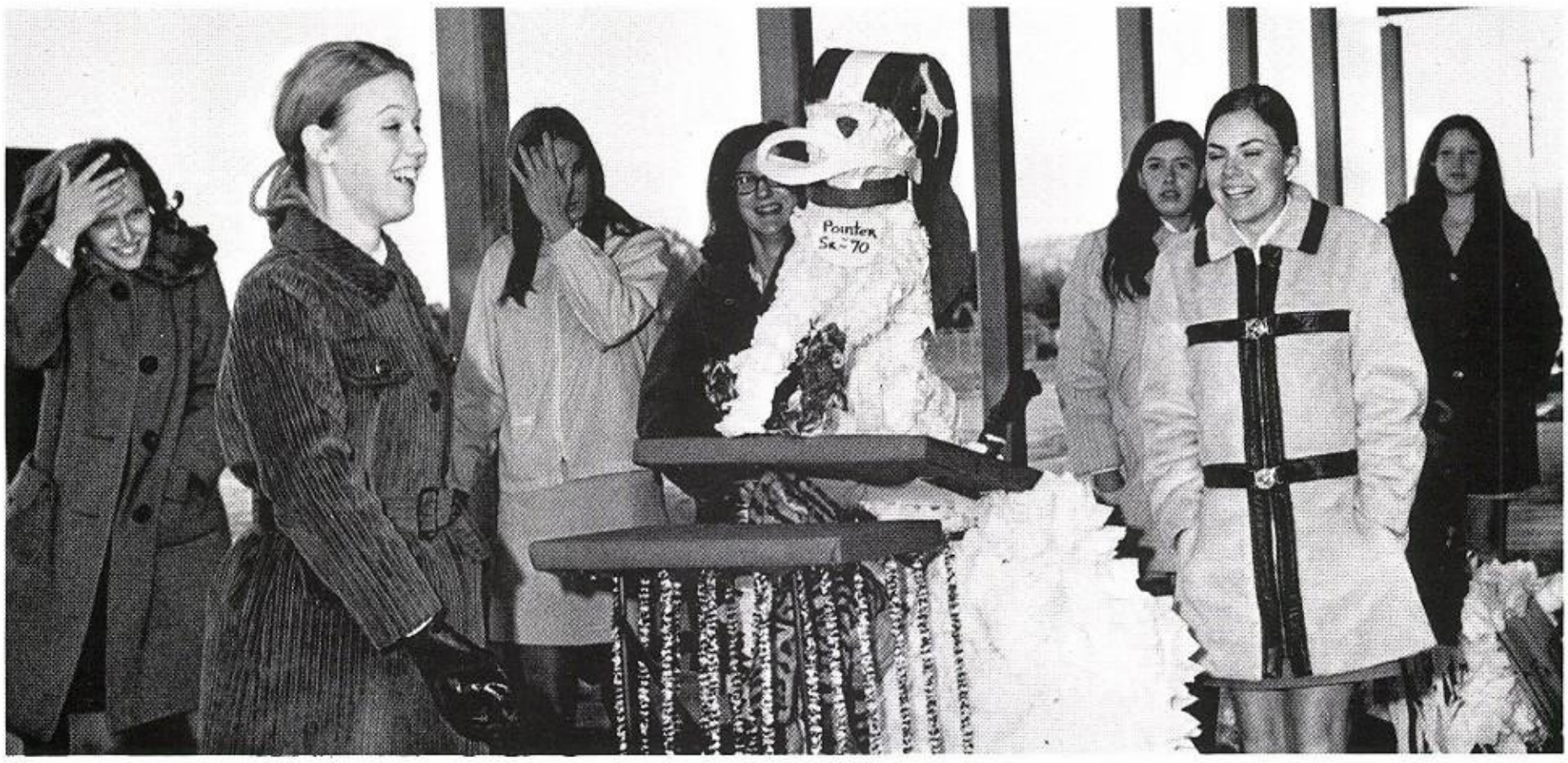


AN UPPERCLASSMAN'S STATUS is represented by ownership of an automobile, according to Buddy Walters.



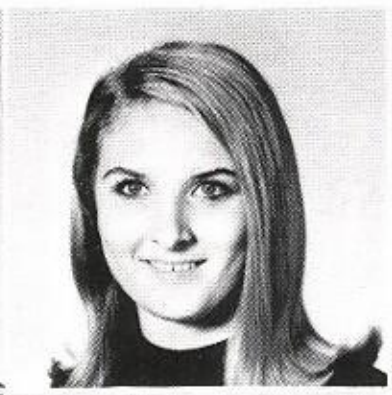
DEMONSTRATING HIS OUTSTANDING skill and driving ability, drivers education student, Pat Kennedy, skillfully maneuvers a metal box in the simulator.

Seniors Place First In Float Competition



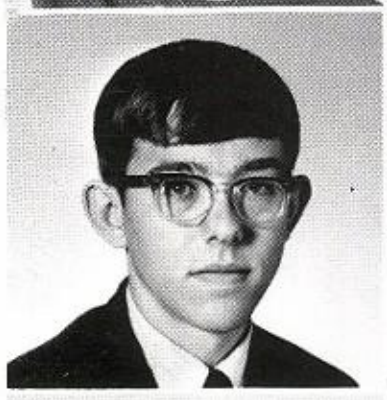
SENIORS RENEE' McKNIGHT, Marlene Purcell, Elizabeth Sidler, and Alice Stevenson display winning float that placed seniors "first" in homecoming competition. Viewing the float are sophomores Margie Fontaine (left), Theresa Reed (third from right), and Shirley Gregory (extreme right).

Sidler, Elizabeth—FTA; Partners In Christ; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Glee Club 1. . .



Smith, Debbie—Cheerleader 2,3; Pointer Pack 1; FTA; FHA; DECA 3; Girl's Basketball 1,2. . .

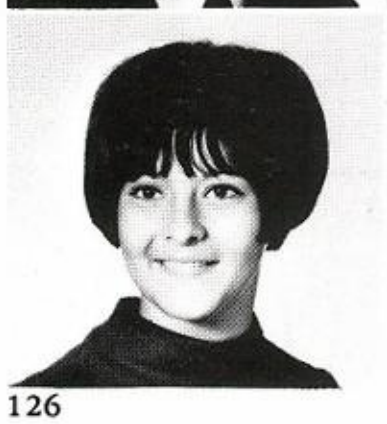
Smith, Ronnie—. . .



Snead, Lewis—DECA; ROTC. . .

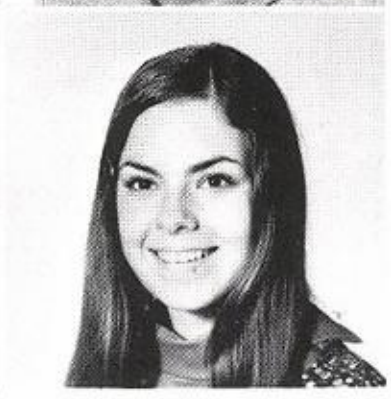
Snow, Ray—ROTC 2,3. . .

Sopshire, Geraldine—Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

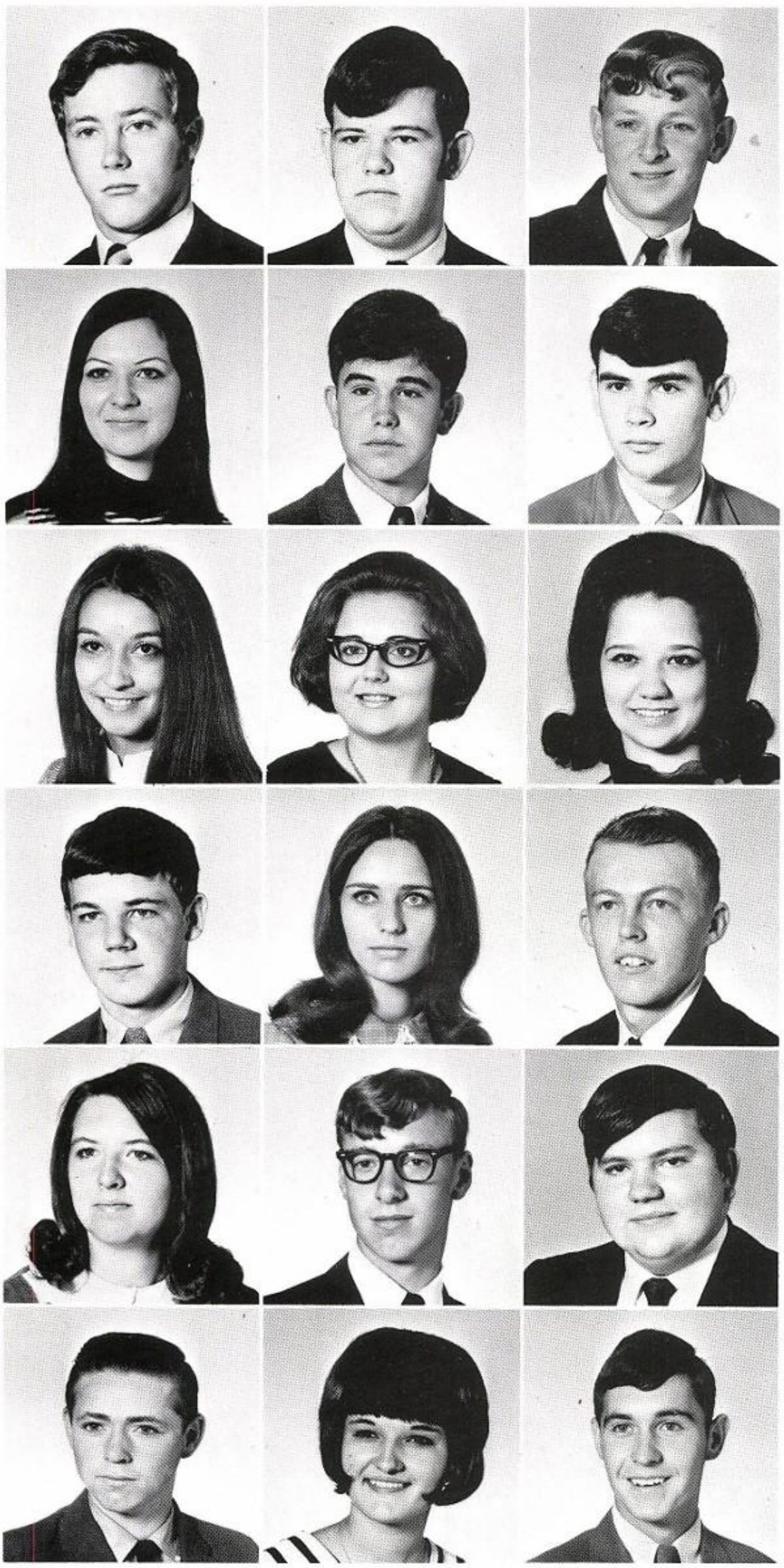


Staab, Nancy—Pointer Pack; FHA, Pres 3; Girl's Basketball 2,3; Glee Club 2. . .

Stedman, Jimmy—Band 1,2,3; French Club. . .



Stevenson, Alice—Homecoming 1; Miss Sophomore Class; Jr. Class Beauty; FTA 2,3; Glee Club, Sec-Treas. 1; Mixed Chorus 2,3; Pointer Pack 2,3; Student Council 2,3; Sec. 3; Class Officer 2,3; Honor Society 2,3; Interact 3; Treblettes 2,3; Babes In Toyland 3; Sr. Class Beauty Nominee. . .



SENIORS

Stumpff, Karl–FCA; Football 2,3. . .

Sullivan, Larry–VICA. . .

Summerhill, David–FCA; Basketball 1,2,3. . .

Tanner, Janice–. . .

Tanner, Steve–Basketball 1,2,3; Football 3; FCA. . .

Thomas, Richard–Football 1,2; ROTC; Band; FCA; FTA; Track. . .

Trentham, Norma–Cheerleader 2; Head Cheerleader 3; Homecoming 2; Maid of Honor 3; ROTC sponsor 3; Honor Society 3; Senior Beauty Candidate 3; FTA 3; FHA, Sec. 3; POINTER 3; POINTER TRAIL 3; Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; Junior Play 2; Interact 2,3; POINTER PACK 1; Girl's Basketball 2. . .

Vreeland, Demaris–FHA; Mixed Chorus 3. . .

Wall, Marilyn–. . .

Walters, Buddy–Football 3; Basketball 1,2,3; FCA. . .

Warren, Debby-Sophomore Class Beauty Candidate; Honor Society 2,3; Mu Alpha Theta 3; Pointer Pack 1; Soph. Class Pres.. .

Watson, Charles–. . .

Weatherton, Cindy–Band 1,2,3; Majorette 2; Office Staff 3. . .

Webb, Doyle–. . .

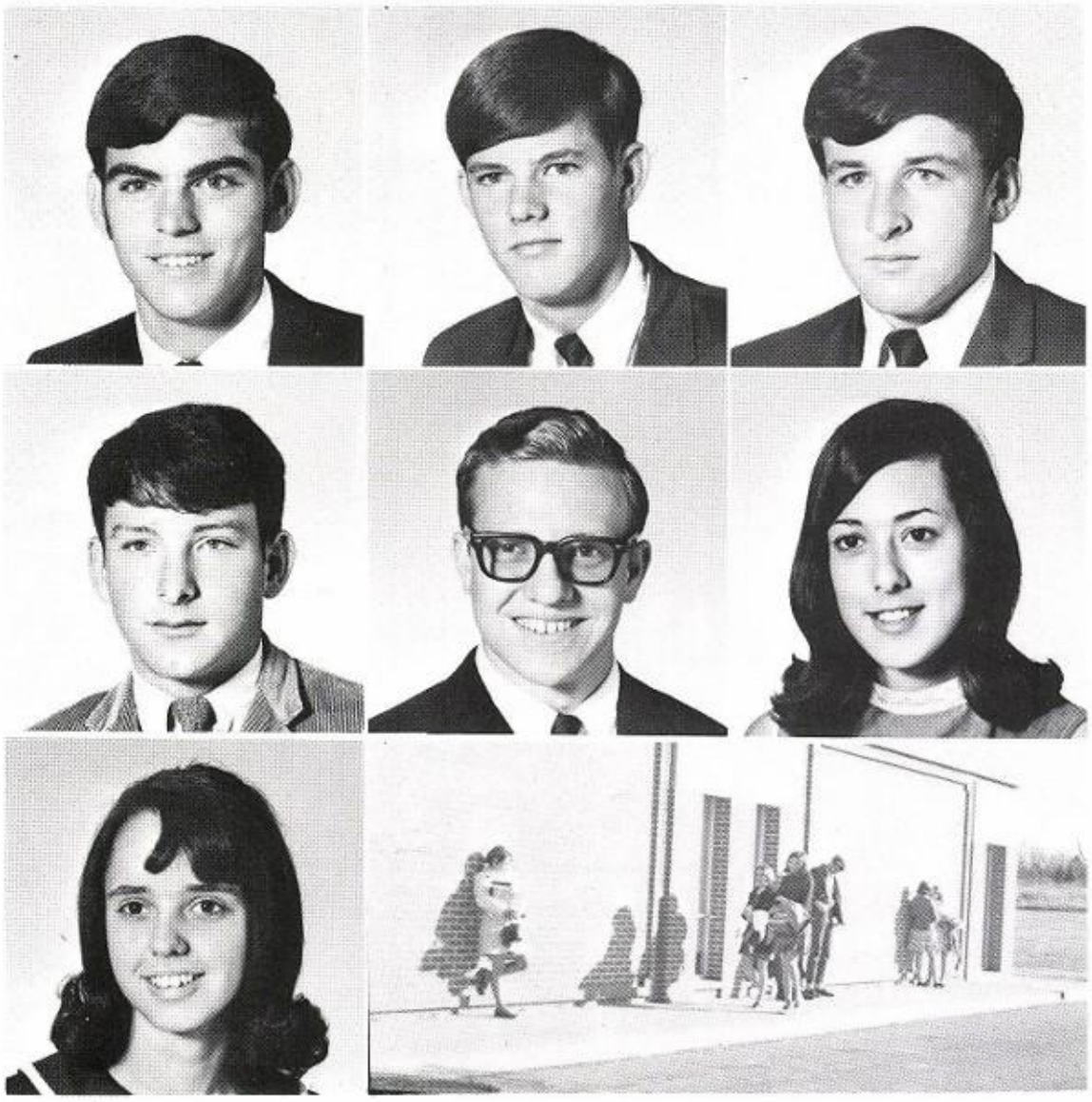
Wells, Fred–Mixed Chorus 2,3; Band; Jr. Class Play 2; Babes in Toyland 3. . .

Wilkins, Denny–ROTC. . .

Williams, Debbie–Transfer from Texas

Williams, Fred–Jr. Class Play; Sr. Class Vice-Pres.; ROTC 2. . .

May 29th Marks End of 12-Year Trek



Willmuth, Don—Transfer from California

Wilson, David—Band. . .

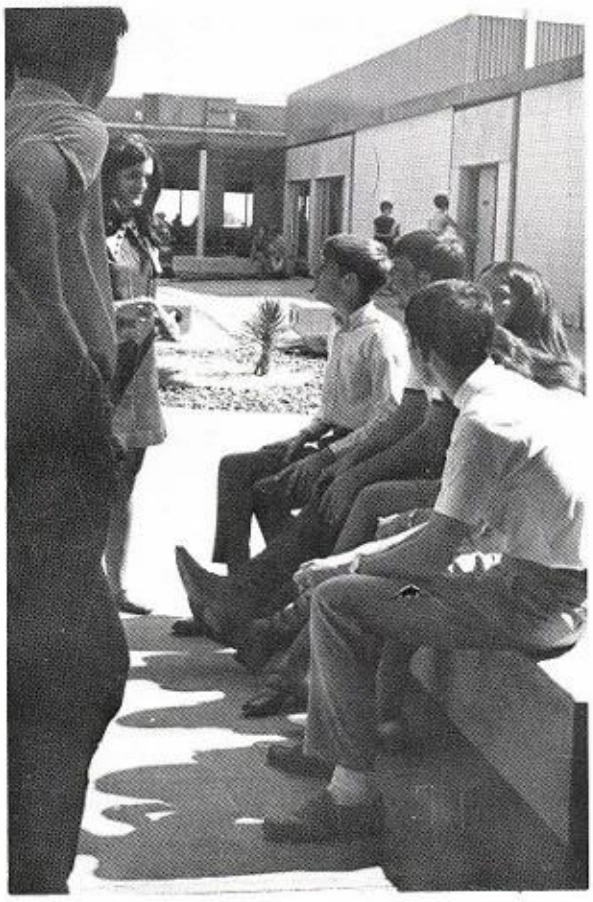
Wilson, Jimmy—DECA. . .

Winn, Larry—Football 1,3; FCA. . .

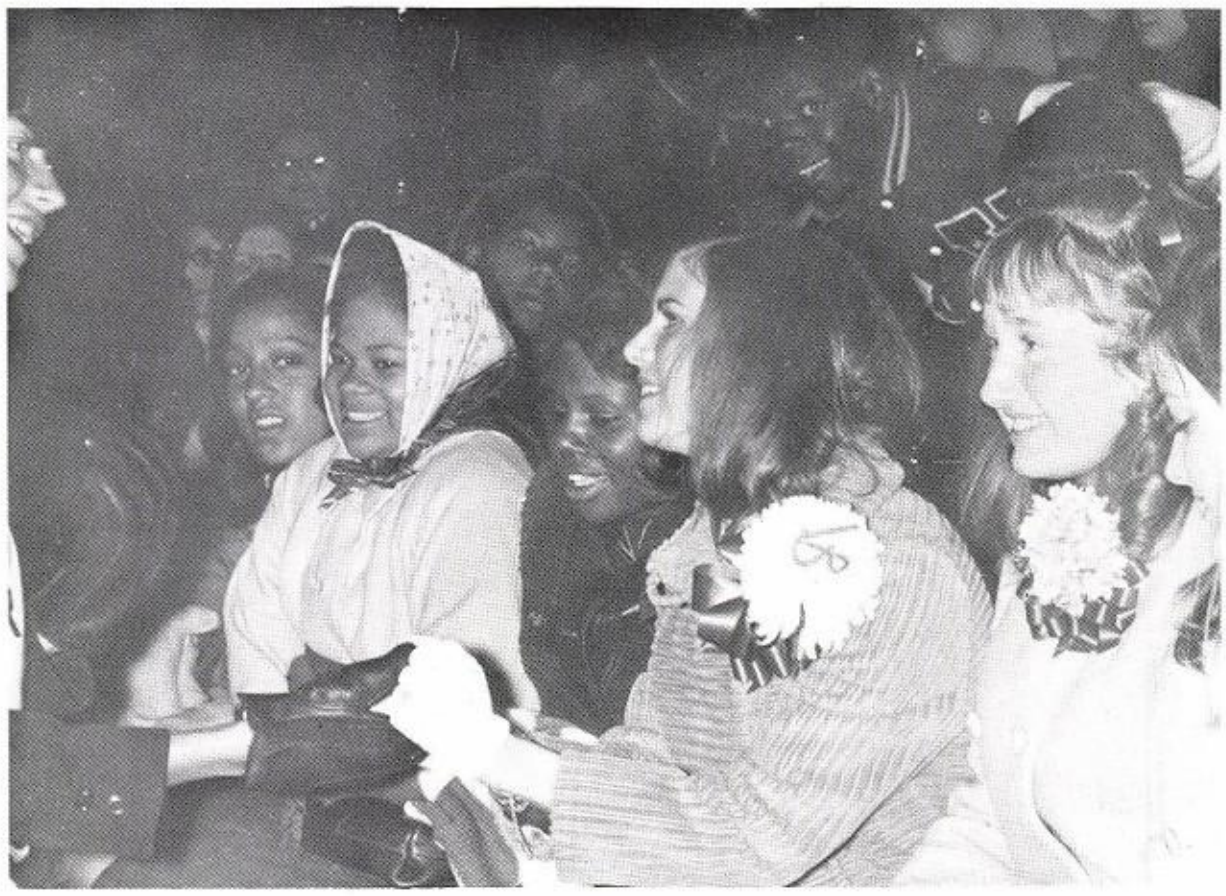
Wood, Robert—Mixed Chorus 3; Babes in Toyland; ROTC. . .

Woodard, Glinda—Pointer Pack 3; French Club 2; Glee Club 2; Mixed Chorus 3; POINTER TRAIL Editor 3; POINTER. . .

Woods, Marcia—Honor Society, 2,3; Mixed Chorus, 2,3; Editor, POINTER, POINTER TRAIL 3; FTA; Treblettes, 2,3; French Club; Glee Club. . .

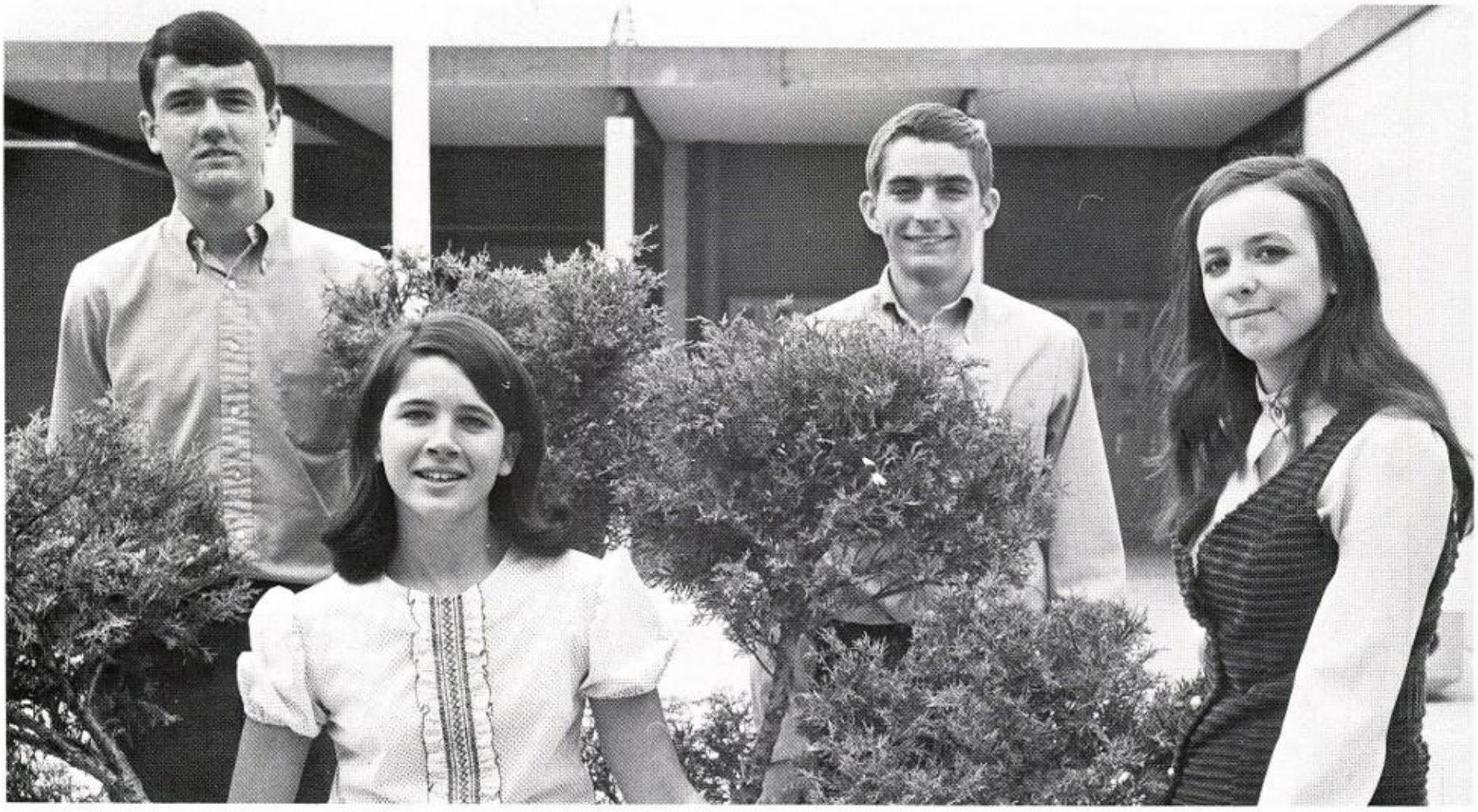


MIXED EMOTIONS ARE shown as Paula Brown displays her senior pictures to fellow classmates.



POST-HALFTIME CONGRATULATIONS are offered by senior Debbie Johnson to band member David Crawford on the band's fine performance.

170 Eager Juniors Face Fast-Paced Year



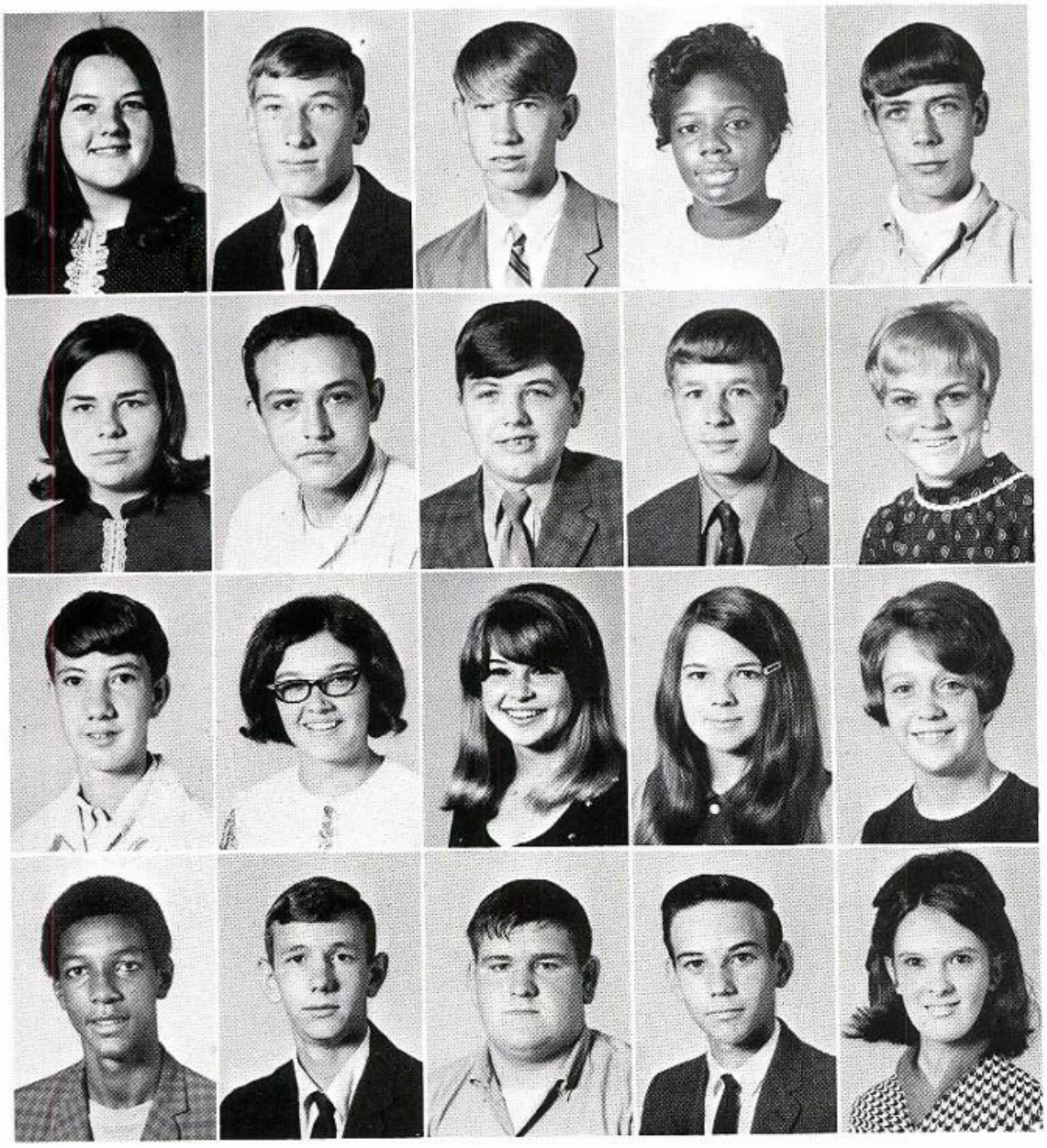
JUNIOR OFFICERS OF the year mapped work days, bake sales, and a major musical during the year. They include Sandy Ragge, president; Brenda Walters, secretary-treasurer; David Vandergriff, vice president; Debbie Lovegrove, reporter.

JUNIORS

Donna Adams
Keith Ainsworth
David Albertson
Frances Allen
Larry Ames
Charles Anderson

David Barnard
Linda Barnard
Joyce Barnett
Christine Basinger
Ricky Beckham
Debbie Blount

Shirley Brasuell
William Brasuell
Larry Bray
Doris Bredrick
Patricia Breeden
Sandra Breeden



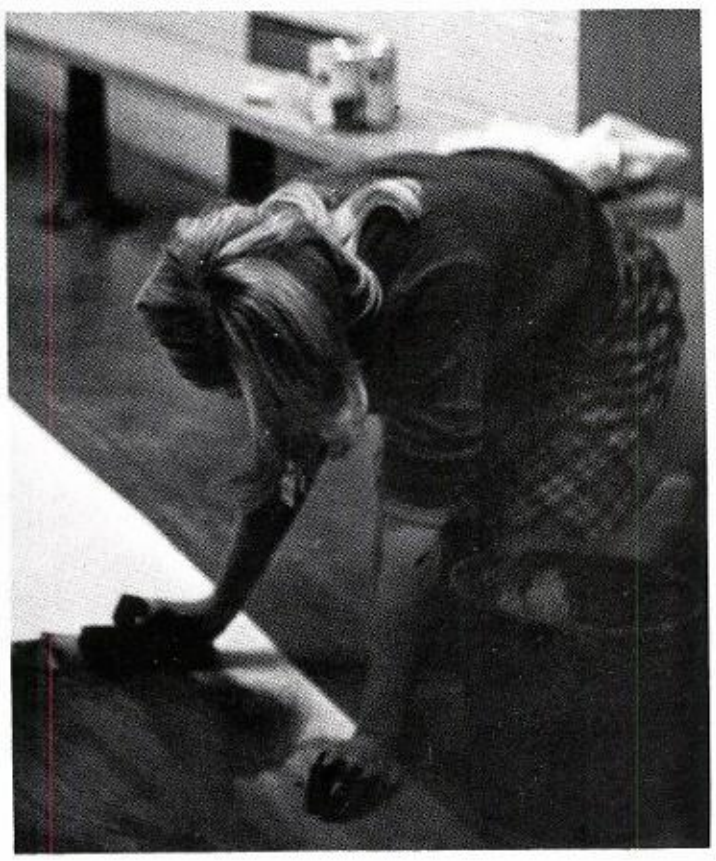
JUNIORS

Letha Brewer
Wendall Brodie
Paul Bruce
Beverly Brown
Gary Bryant

Janet Bryant
William Boen
Dennis Boster
Drennen Bulloch
Martha Cathey

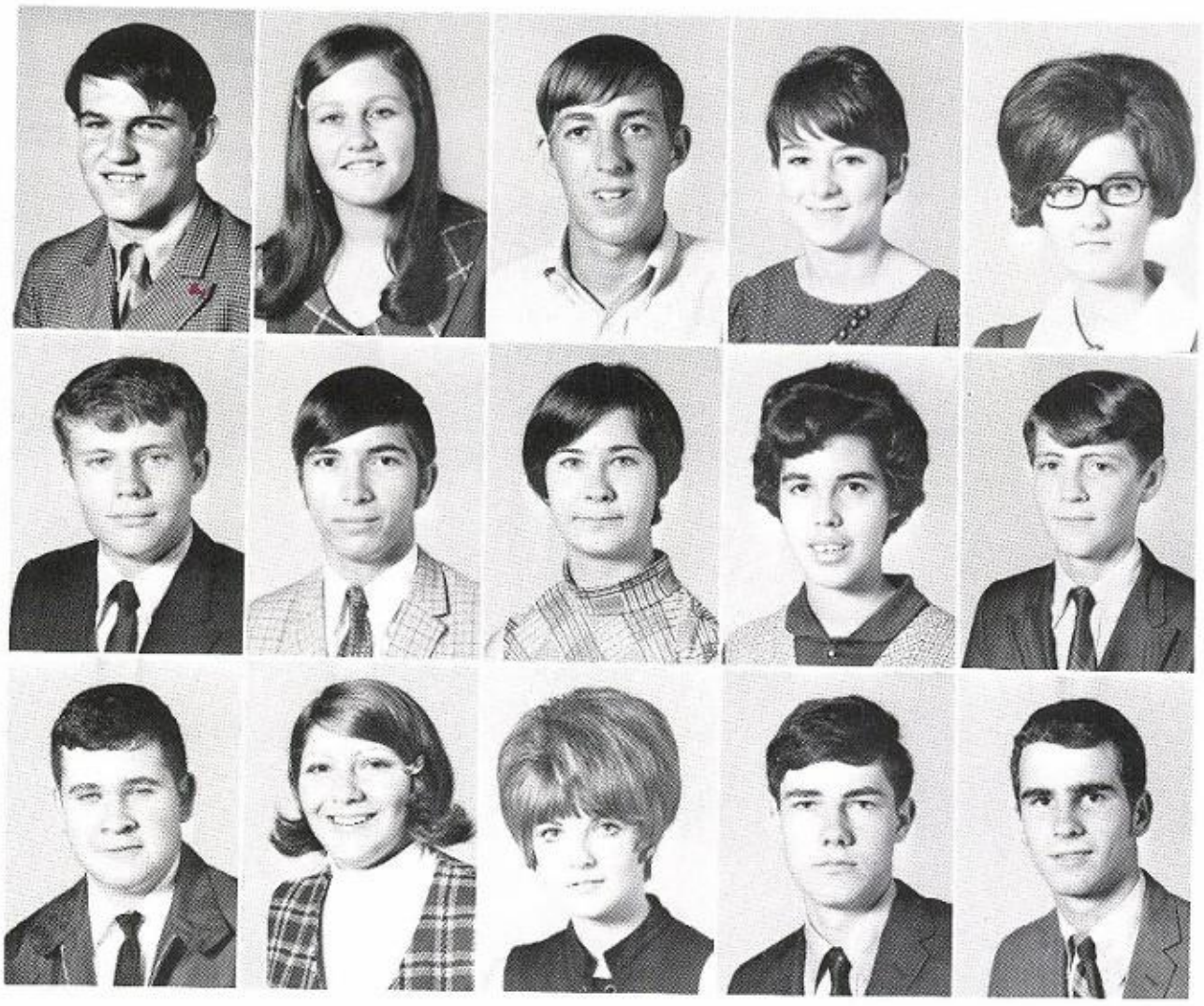
Duane Chadwick
Carolyn Chapman
Charlotte Cheek
Melissa Cobb
Alice Coble

Emmett Collier
Richard Coombes
Dale Coomer
Danny Cox
Debbie Cushman



ON HANDS AND knees, Debbie Polk, junior, busily scrub paints the "Green Brick Road" for Homecoming festivities.

TALENT PREVAILS DURING pep rally as junior members of the Pointer Band, proudly play.



JUNIORS

Robert Dean
Janice Drum
Dewey Dunham
Sue England
Debbie Evans

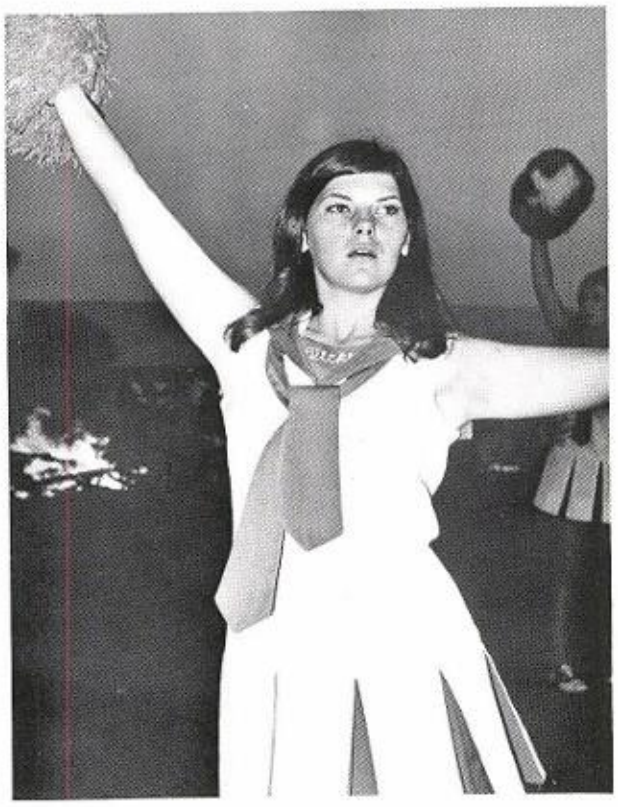
Brian Evans
James Flanagan
Joyce Foley
Carolyn Frasch
James Garner

James Gibbs
Alicia Gray
Connie Hagar
Rickey Hall
Tommy Hays

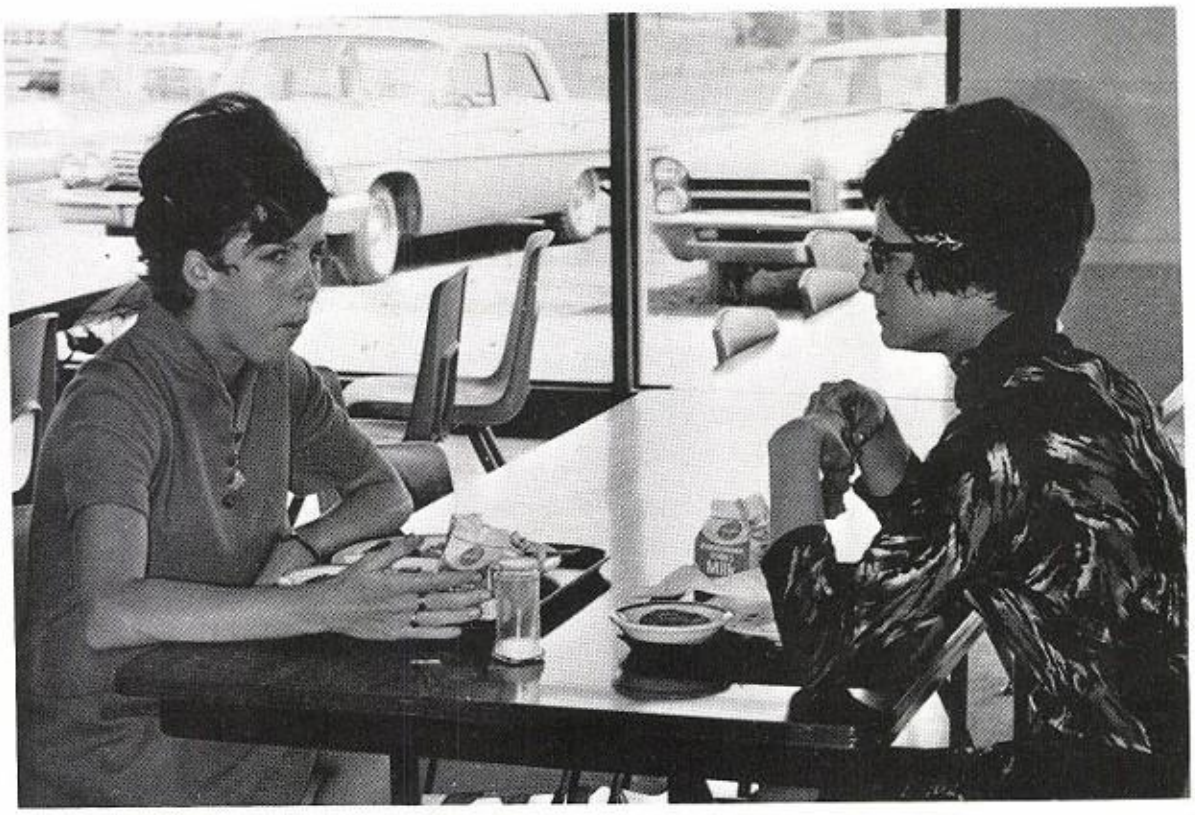
Class of '71 Awarded Coveted Plaque

MELISSA COBB, JUNIOR, watches as Charles Peer pulls the science float in the Homecoming parade.

JUNIORS DISPLAY THE spirit and pride that led their class to win the coveted spirit plaque while majorettes Sue Servold, and Elaine Watkins perform an intricate routine for the student body.



VICKIE MEANS, JUNIOR, goes through a cheerleading routine for the Pointers, at the bonfire held prior to the Grizzly game.

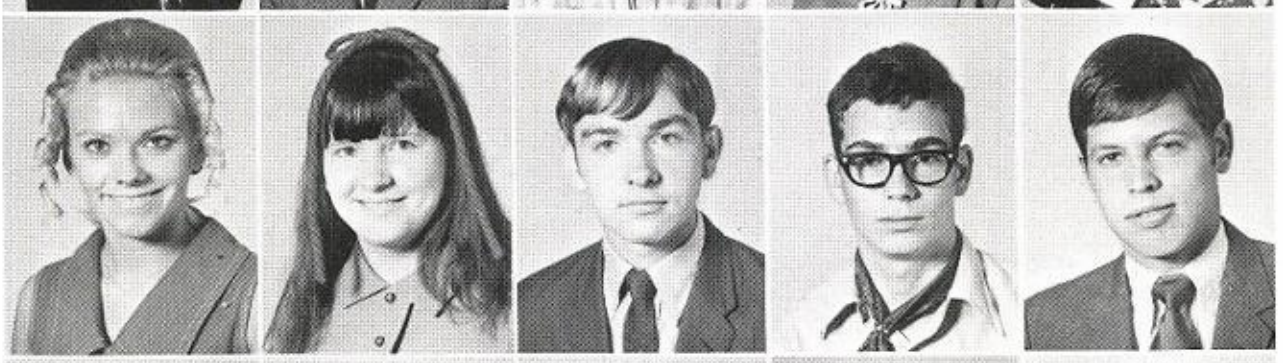


ENJOYING THEIR NOON meal, Carla Hughes, junior, and Karolyn Ross talk of daily activities. Many juniors take advantage of this break time to relax or study for upcoming tests.

JUNIORS

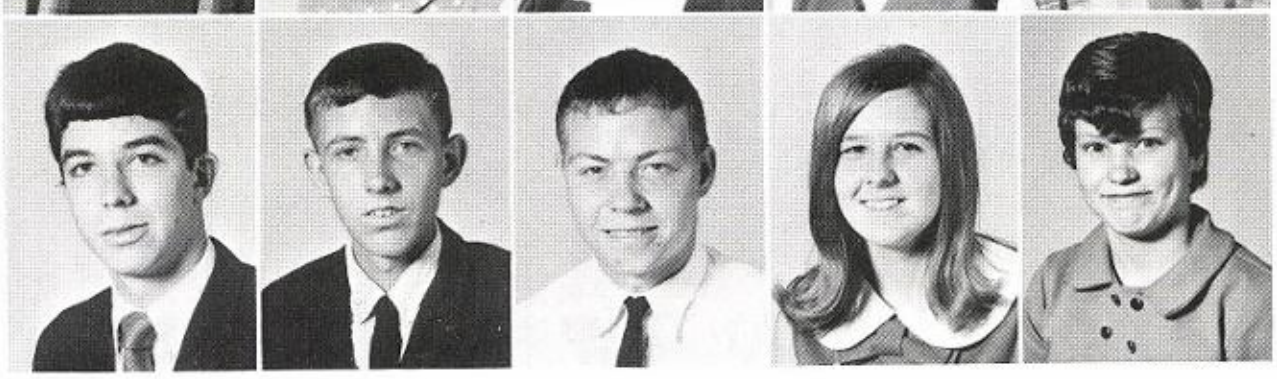
Belinda Henderson
Randall Henley
Marcia Hogan
Martha Hogan
Donna Holman

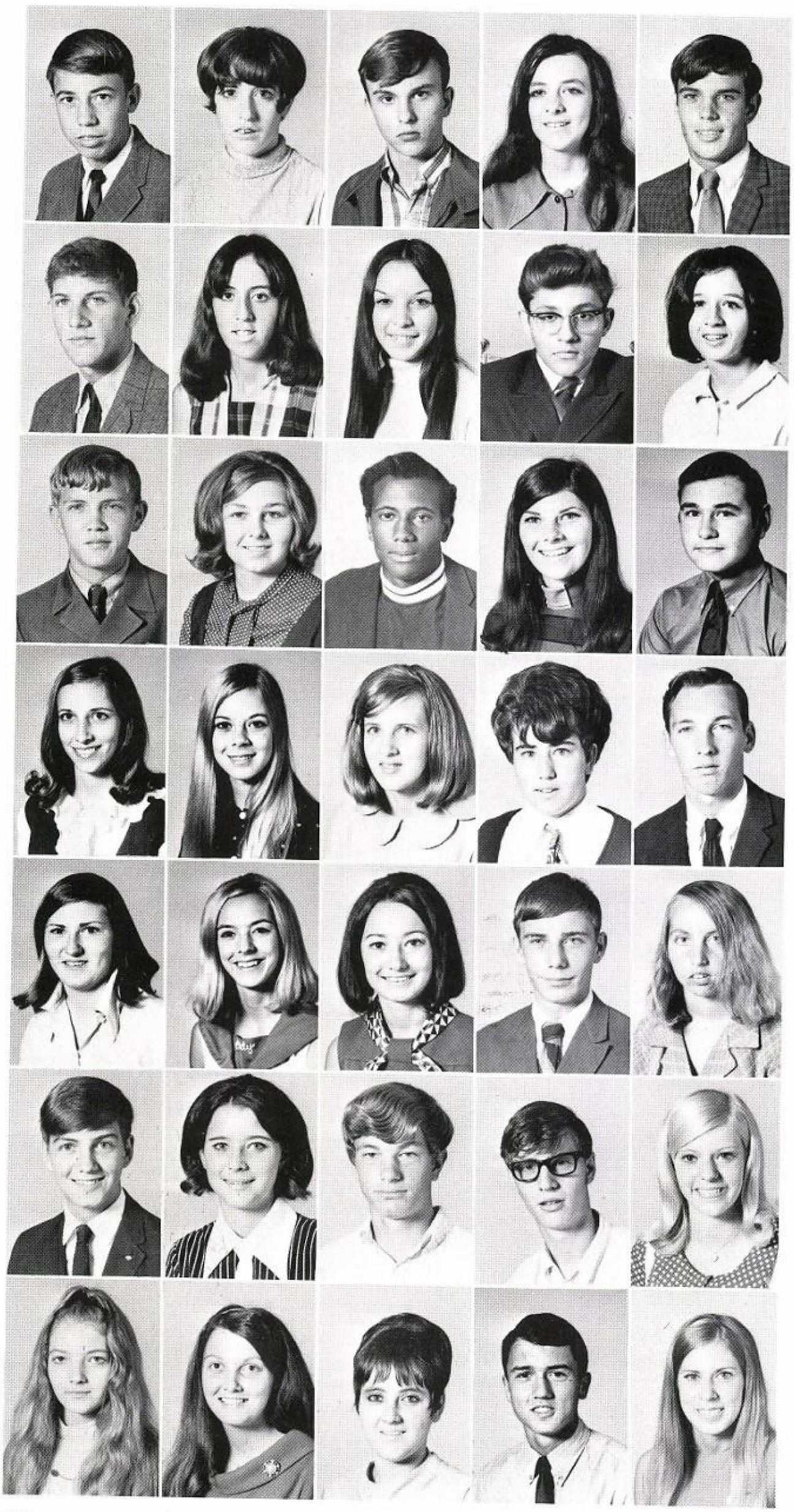
Linda Hopkins
Donna House
Bobby Howard
Lee Nelson
Kerry Hubbs



Wanda Huff
Carla Hughes
Patricia Hyatt
Debbie James
Barbara Jones

Mike Jones
Granville Jones
Jimmy Joslin
Lynn Kennedy
Jody Key





JUNIORS

Gary Landers
Betty Law
Johnny Loftin
Debbie Lovegrove
Charles Mann

George Martin
Marcia Martin
Debbie McCause
Steve McCleary
Jeannie McClelland

Allen McIlvain
Judy McFadden
Jimmy McKinney
Vickie Means
Ricky Merechka

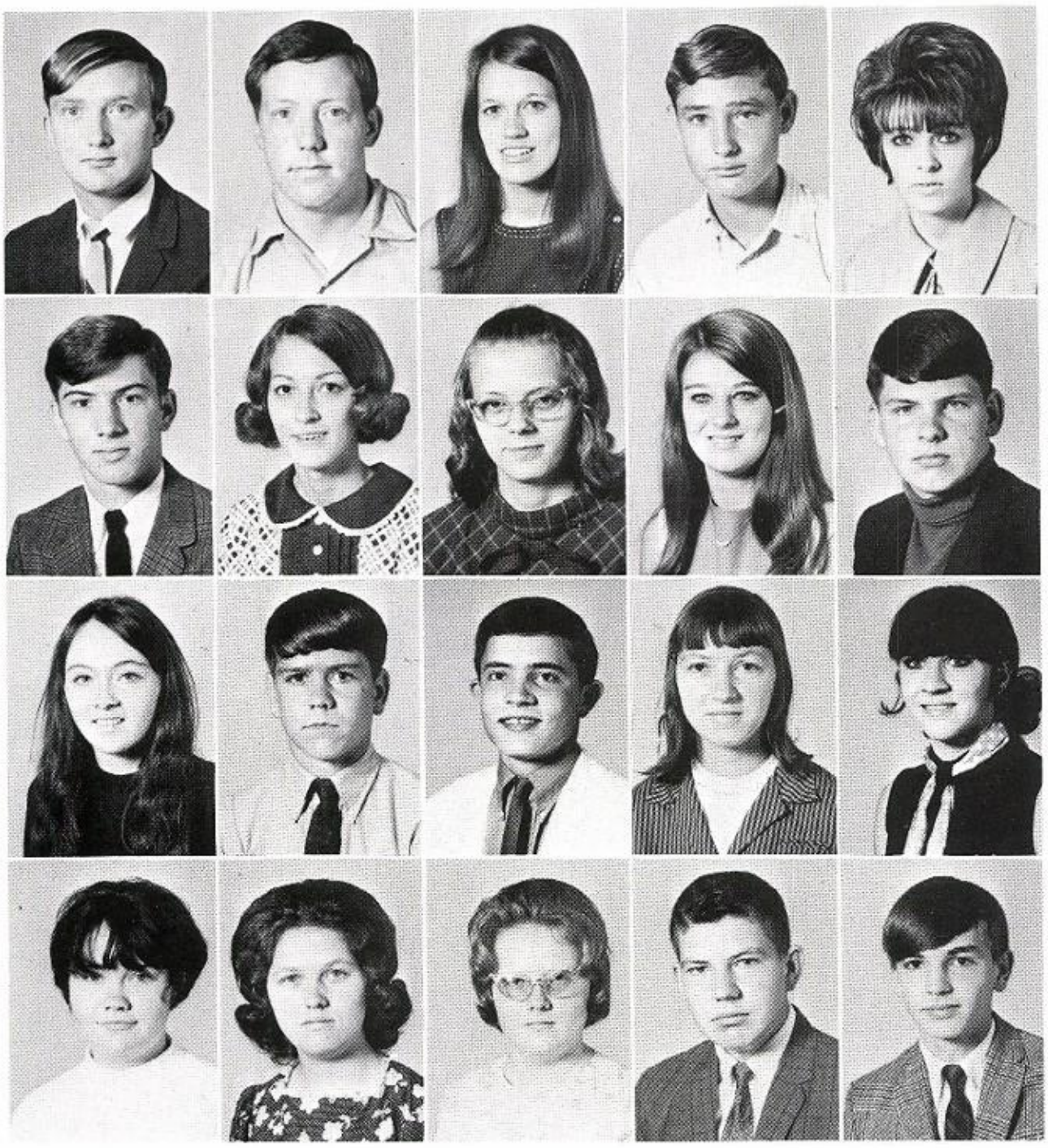
Karen Ming
Joan Minor
Carolyn Moore
Patsy Moore
Eddie Newton

Vicki Newton
Cindi Neal
Jean Neal
Sean O'Brien
Billie Jo Paxton

Charles Peer
Teresa Perceful
Steve Pinkerton
Sam Phillips
Debbie Polk

Elizabeth Pound
Phyllis Primm
Jean Pullan
Sandy Ragge
Janice Ray

11th Graders Stand Out in Major Musical



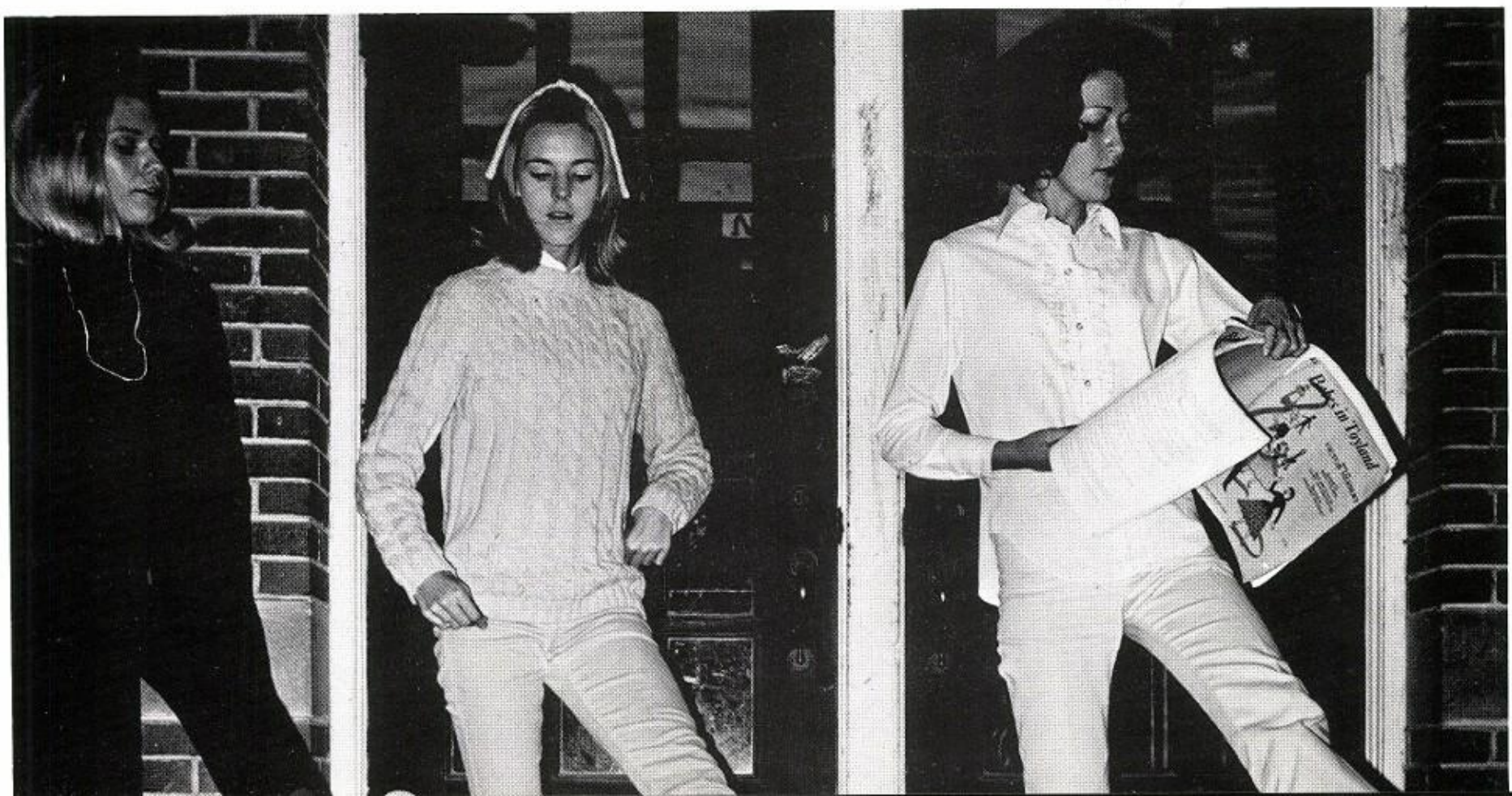
Gary Ramsey
Tom Randolph
Nancy Rankin
Ricky Rankin
Eva Reed

Jimmy Reed
Mary Reed
Martha Roden
Debbie Rogers
Mike Sallee

Claudia Scarbrough
Larry Scott
Jack Servold
Judy Shelley
Bonnie Shibley

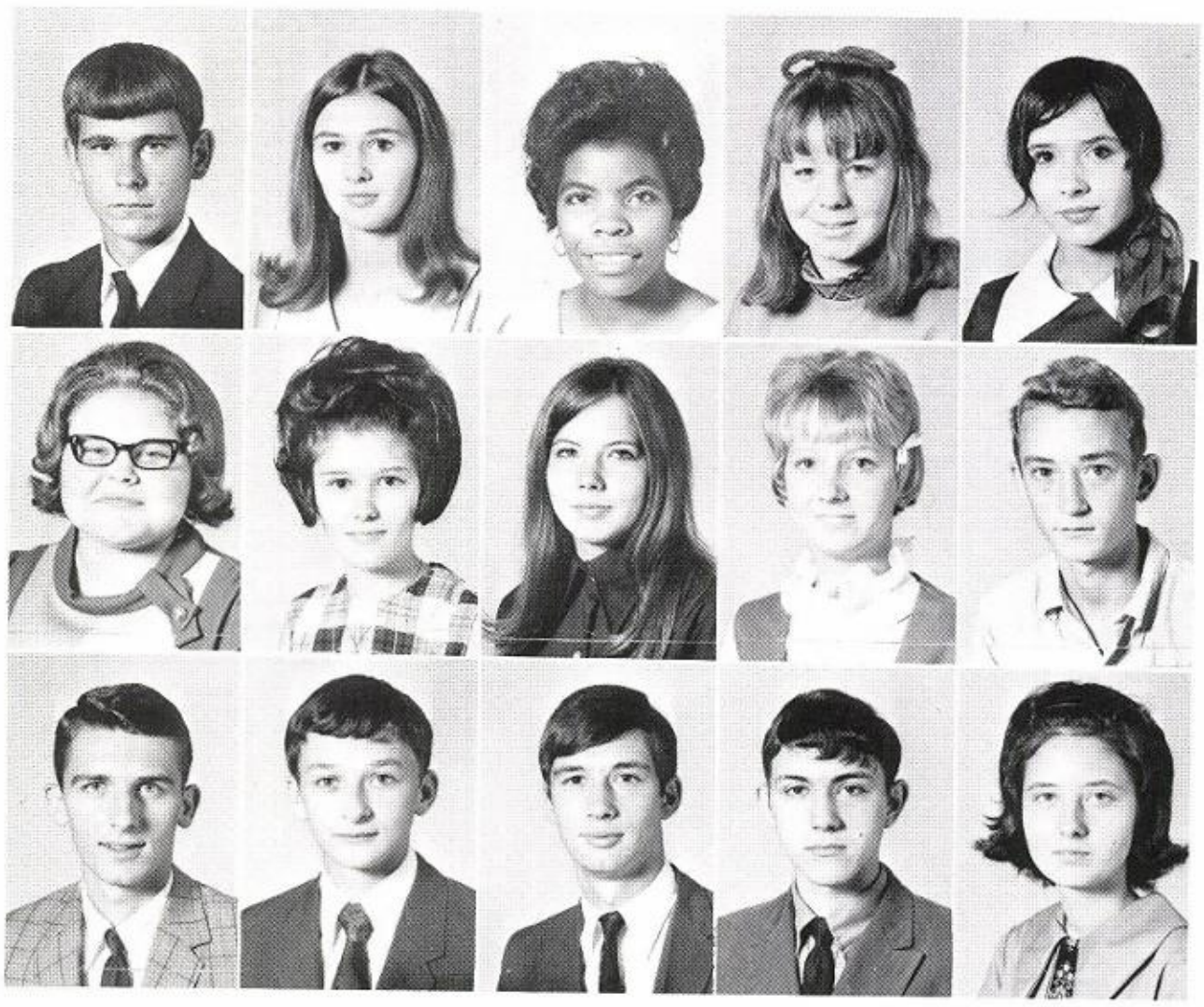
Linda Shipp
Patricia Sindle
Vivian Sindle
Chris Small
Gary Smith

REHEARSING FOR JUNIOR musical "Babes in Toyland", (Below) Linda Hopkins, Cindi Neal, and Mary Reed go through precision dance steps. Rehearsing paid off with a successful musical.



JUNIORS WORKED LONG hours to produce a winning float. Class officers and other spirited students pitched in to capture third place.

Work, Enthusiasm Symbolize Junior Year



Olin Smith
Paula Smith
Atha Sopshire
Mary Spence
Debbie Sprinkle

Cheryl Stanford
Sharon Suggs
Jane Swanson
Deborah Swearingen
Glen Sweeden

Frankie Titsworth
Kenny Thompson
Mike Thompson
Kenneth Trent
Nancy Tudor

JUNIORS

Janice Underwood
David Vandergriff
Joyce Vinsant
Brenda Walters
Shirley Webb

David Whitsett
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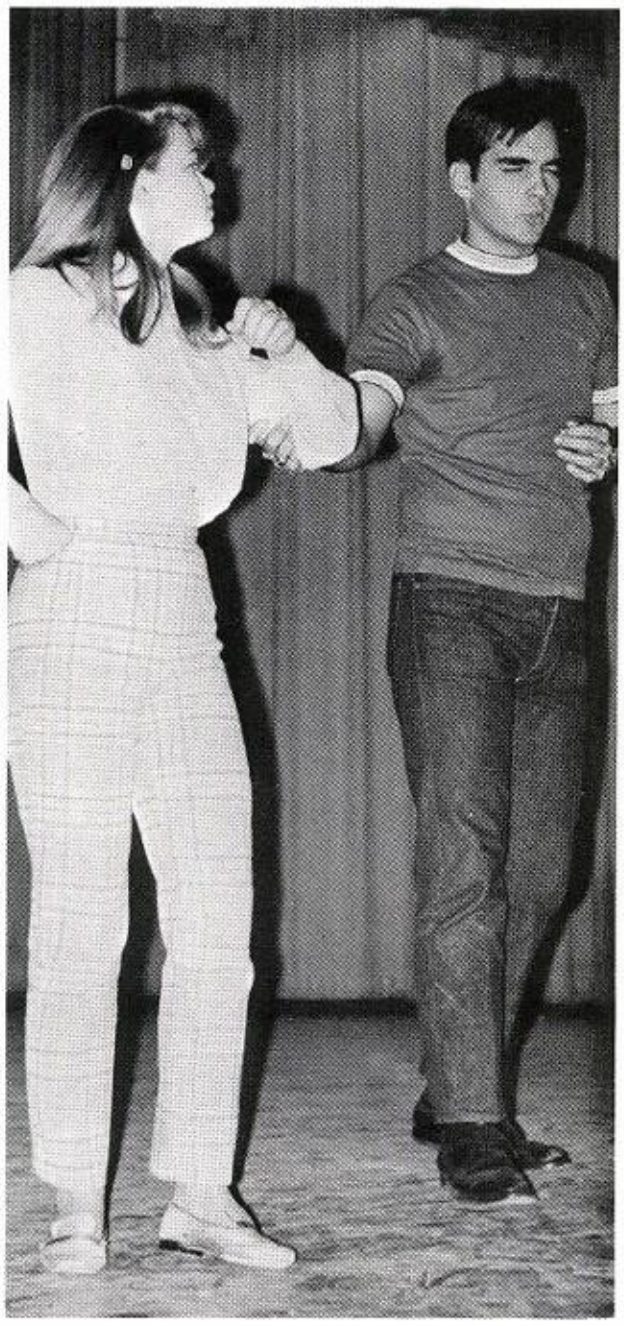
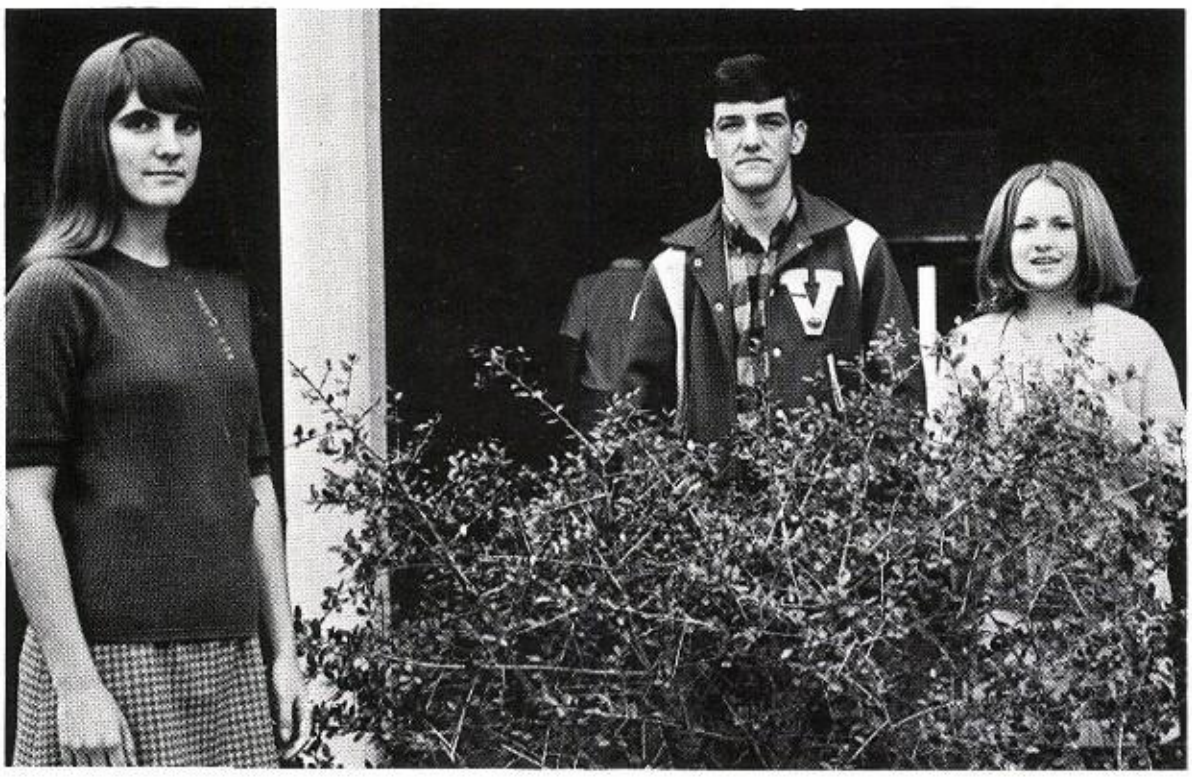


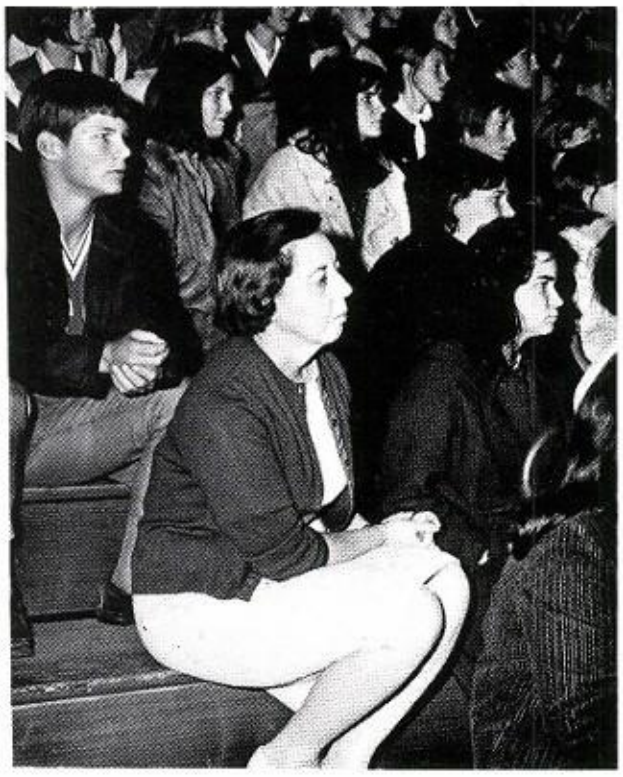
CHARLOTTE CHEEK, JUNIOR, follows the suggestions of Ken Creekmore, president of the student body, while practicing "Babes in Toyland"

COLLECTING DUES FOR FTA, junior secretary-treasurer Linda Hopkins gladly receives senior Alice Stevenson's money.

Class of '72 Seeks Future Greatness



REPRESENTING THE SOPHOMORE Class in student government are the class officers for 1969-70. They are Paula Wood, secretary-treasurer; Tim Considine, vice president; and Barbara Wilson, president.



JOINING THE SOPHOMORES in a moment of concentration, Miss Donna Smith seems intent on the proceedings during an assembly.

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Adams, Susan
Adkins, Billy
Akins, Paula
Ames, Tommy
Anderson, Debbie
Armor, MaryAnn
Armor, Shirley

Arter, Edwin
Actkinson, Ritchie
Ball, Brad
Balls, Darrell
Barr, Adelle
Bass, Mary Francis
Berry, Jessie

Bolling, Charles
Blan, James
Blasingame, Kenneth
Boster, John
Bowdoin, Damon
Bowdoin, Frank
Bowen, Delores

Brasuell, Robin
Breeden, Kay
Breeden, Lonnie
Breeden, Ricky
Broaddrick, Lynn
Brooks, Bob
Brooks, Randy

SOPHOMORES

Brown, Larry
Bryant, Mark
Burcham, William
Bushong, Janet
Campbell, Ricky
Cameron, Cathy
Cameron, Jackie

Carter, Deborah
Cathey, David
Caviness, Irene
Cline, Tommy
Coleman, Vickie
Considine, Tim
Crabtree, Ann

Crawford, David
Crawford, Mike
Daily , Patti
Diboye, Darrell
Dodson, Larry
Dodson, Ronnie
Doyle, Roberta

Drum, Cheryl
Drum, Darryl
Dutton, Betty
Edds, Bill
Edwards, Roger
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English, Rita

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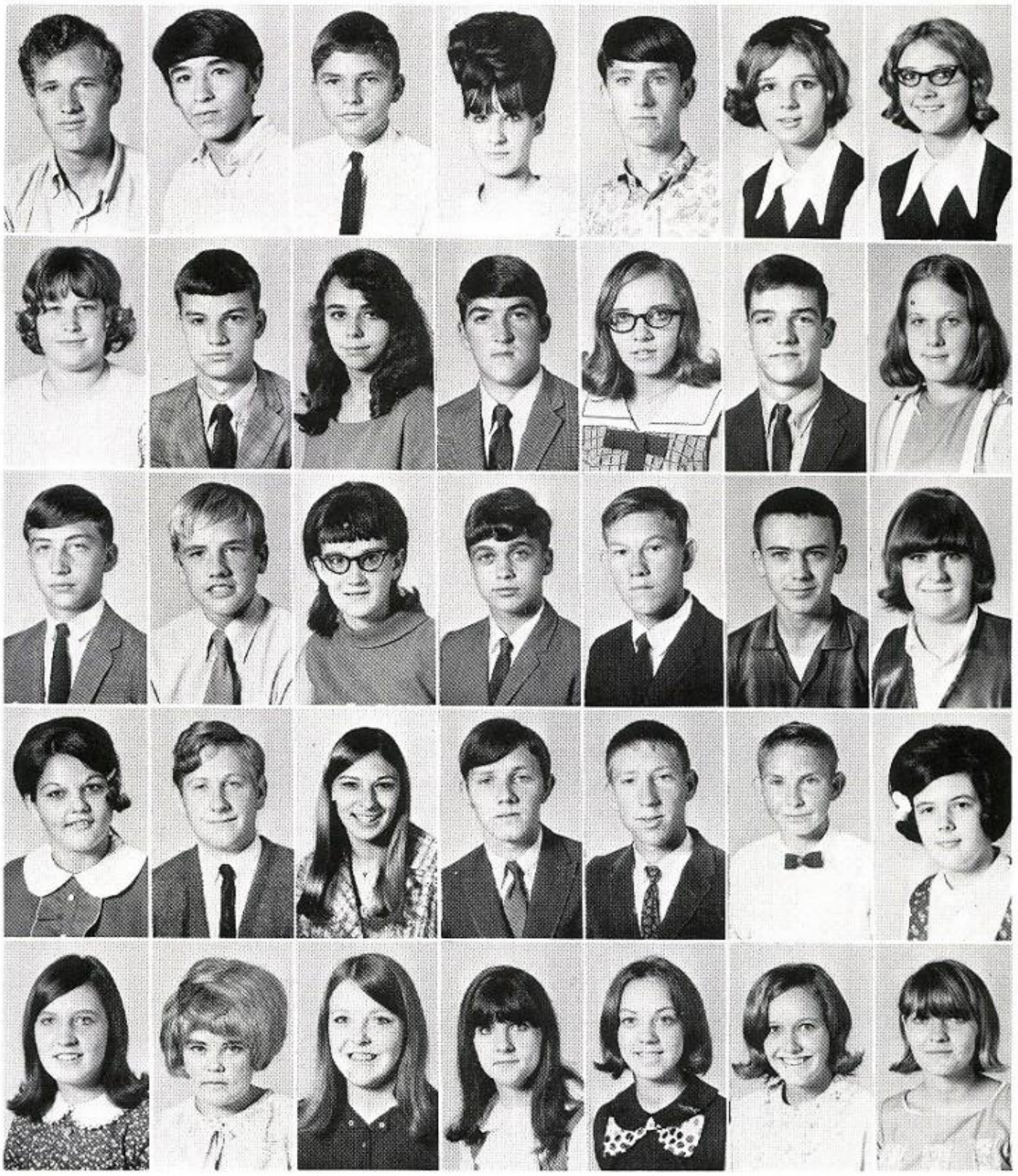
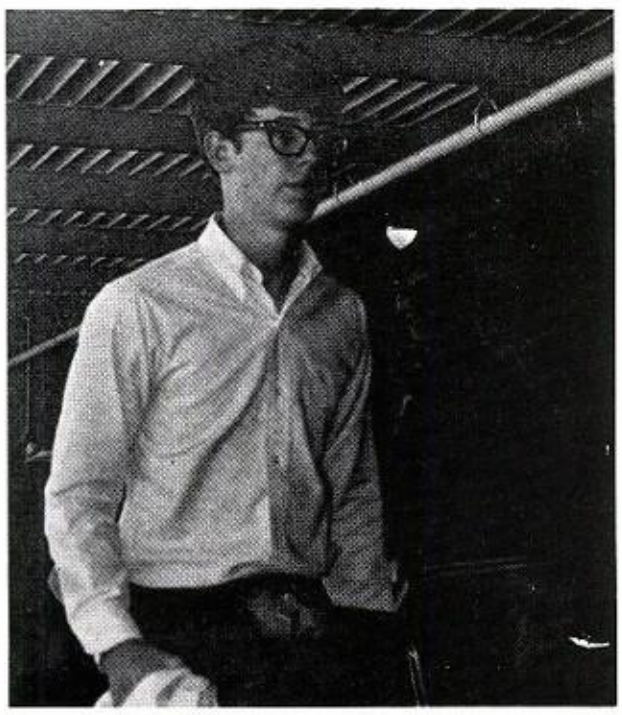
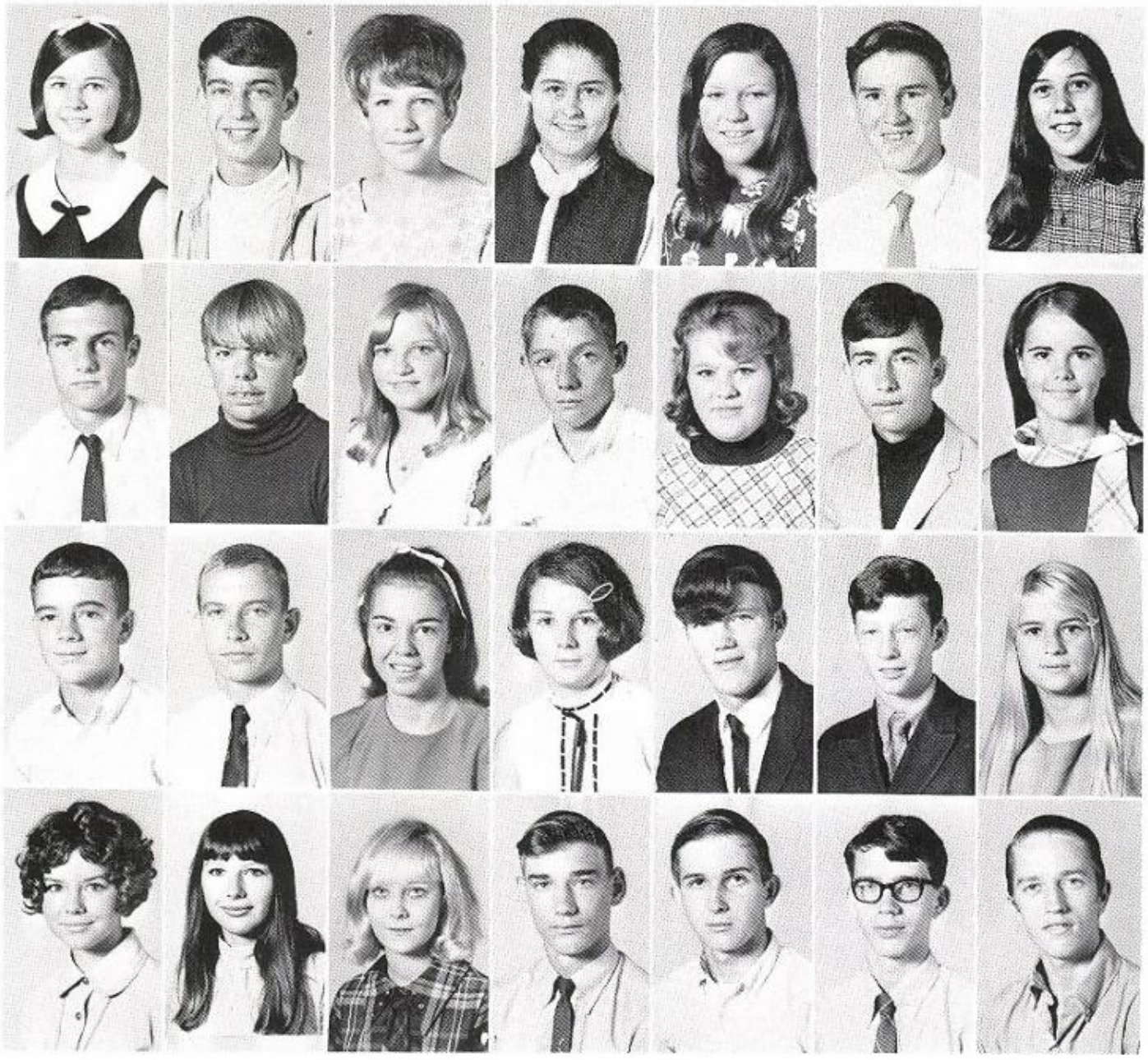




APPEARING OBLIVIOUS TO his surroundings, Randy Brooks, sophomore, moves at a determined pace to class.

SOPHOMORE PARTICIPATION IN school activities is demonstrated by Susan Holmes as she works on the fall variety show, "Season's Vibrations".



SOPHOMORES

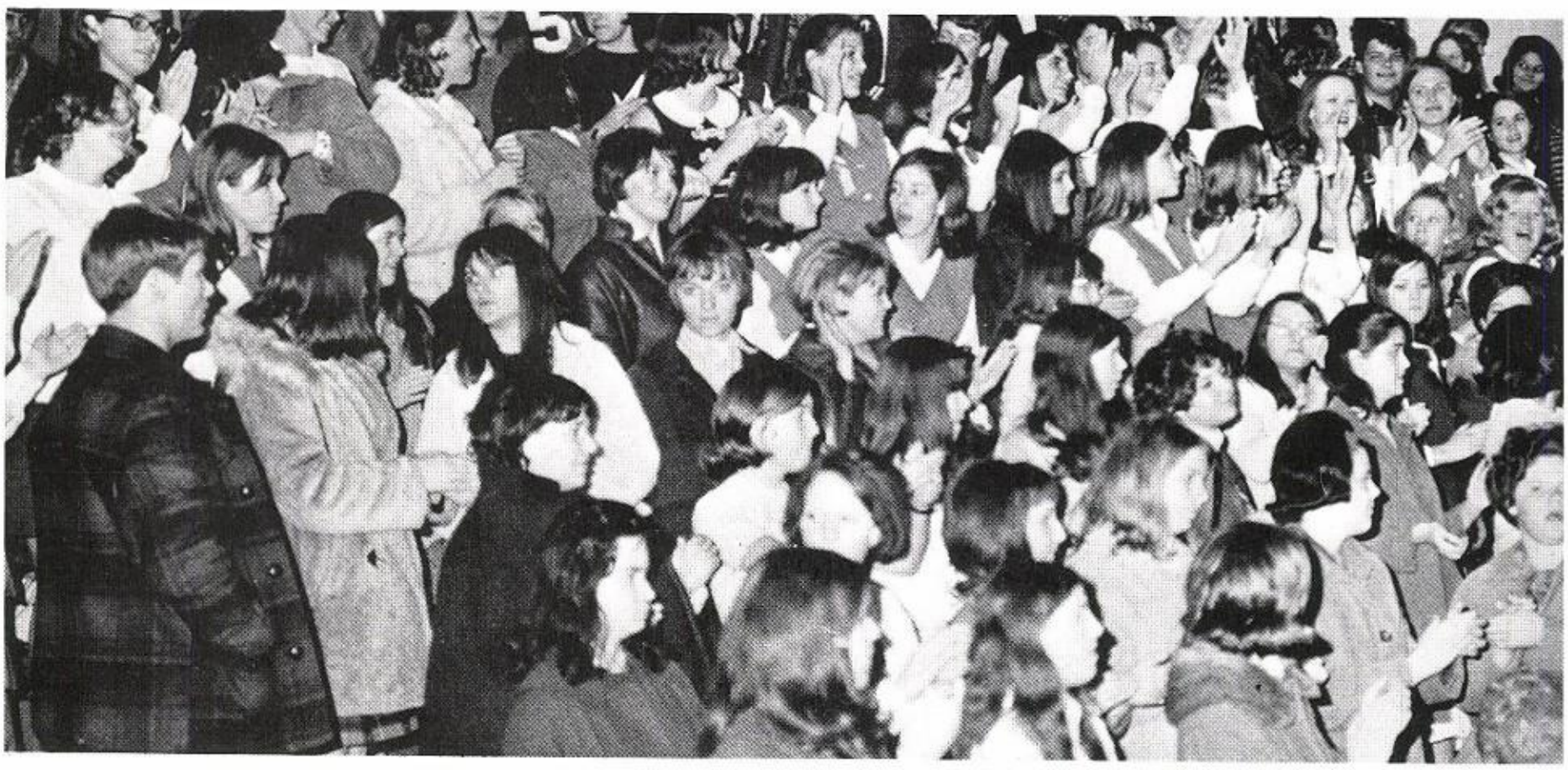
Garrett, Debbie
Gordon, Stewart
Gregory, Reba
Gregory, Ruth
Gregory, Shirley
Green, Jimmy
Groves, Brenda

Gunn, Jimmy
Haggard, Douglas
Hambrick, Jonita
Hamilton, Ricky
Harrison, Phyllis
Hayre, Clyde
Hays, Marilyn

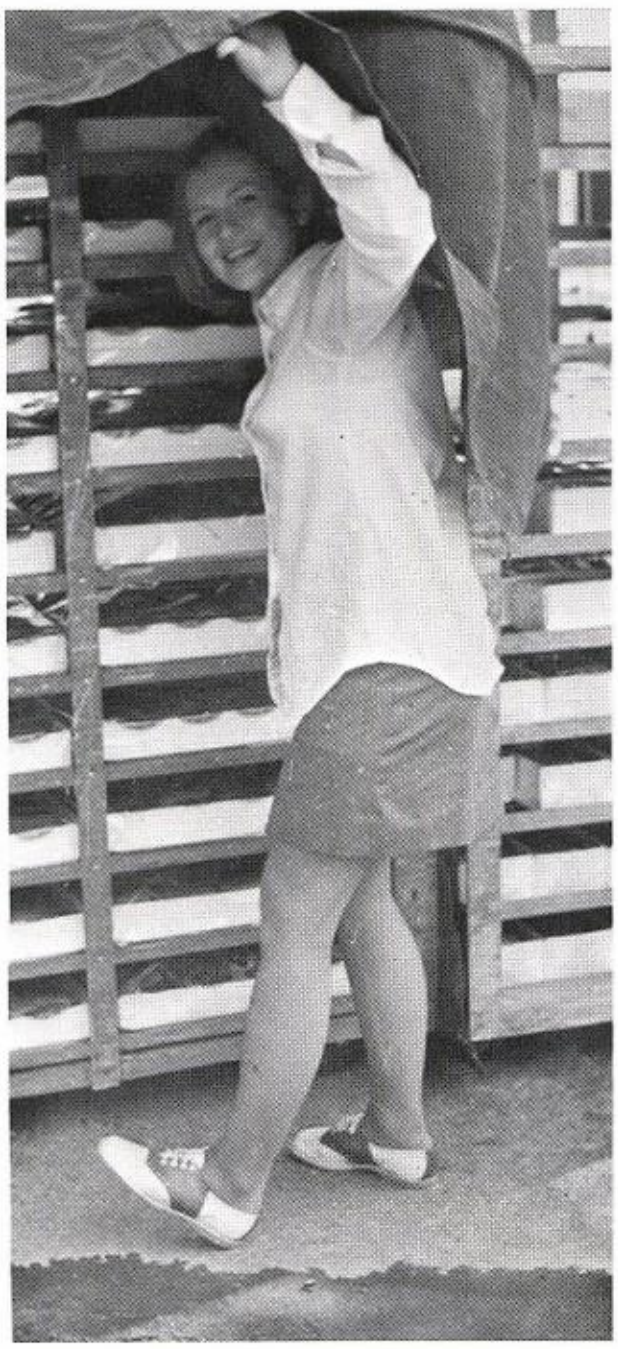
Hays, Wally
Healy, Lynn
Helms, Pat
Hill, JoAnn
Reeves, Tony
Hobbs, Randy
Holmes, Sarah

Holmes, Susan
Hooten, Donna
Hopkins, Mona
Horton, Roy
Hudson, James
Huffor, Steve
Hyler, Don

Rapid Drive for Victory Marks Largest Class



SPIRIT, AN IMPORTANT aspect of school life, grips these sophomores as they cheer the Dogs to victory. It was such enthusiasm which helped the Class of '72 claim the Spirit Stick several times.

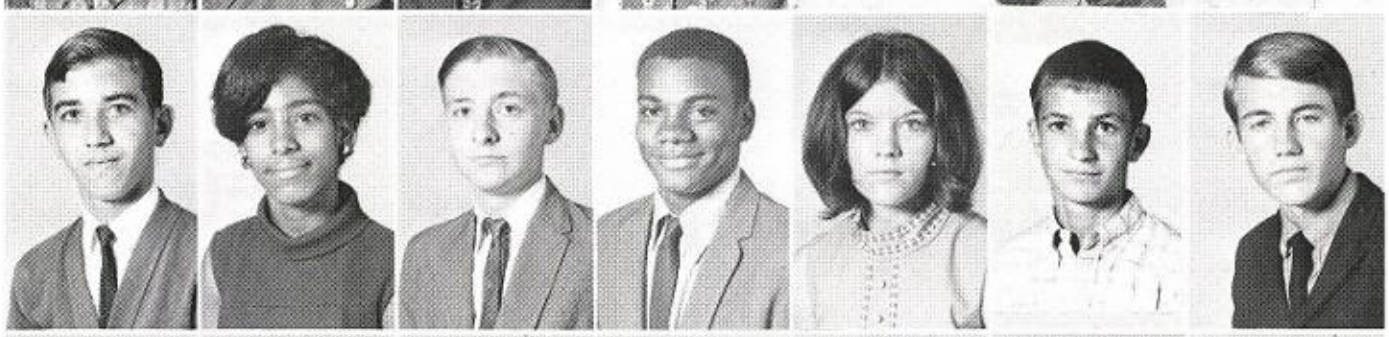


BARBARA WILSON, sophomore class president, takes time out from her duties to browse through a bread wagon.

DISPLAYING HIS TALENT and twirling ability, sophomore Stewart Gordon is aglow with a fiery baton during a Pointer football half-time show.

Hyler, Ruby
Ivy, Sandra
Jack, Ricky
Jack, Nancy
Jacobs, Carl
James, LouAnn
Johnson, Richard

Johnston, Buddy
Jones, Betty
Jones, Roger
Jordan, Kenneth
Kenny, Pam
Key, Stanley
Kirkendall, Jimmy



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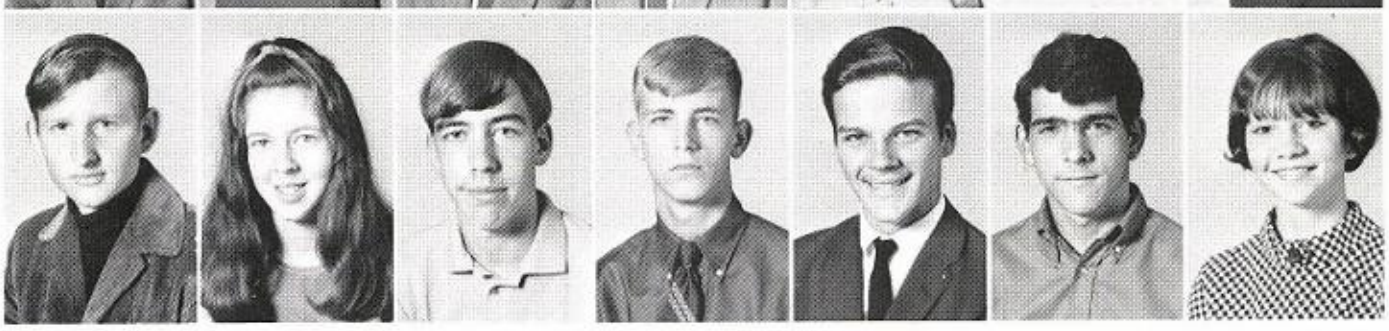
Kirkpatrick, Donna
Laiche, Mark
Lansdell, Billy
Lewis, Charles
Lineks, Eddie
Limberg, Donna



SOPHOMORES

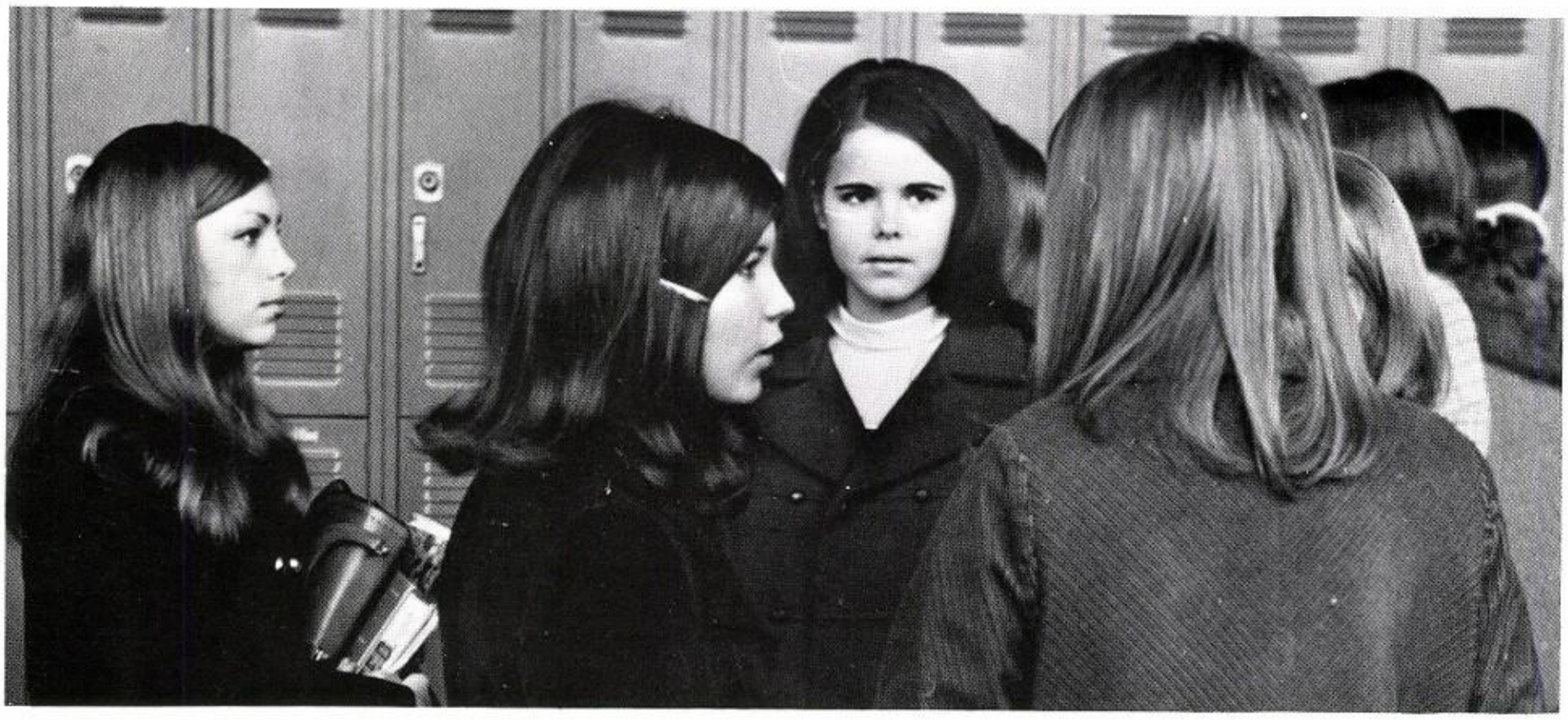
Liston, Mike
Livingston, Nathan
Loyd, Barbara
Mann, Betty
Manuel, Roger
Mauldin, Chris
Maynard, Carol

Mays, Debbie
Maroney, Kenneth
Maxwell, John
McCause, Cheryl
McDaniel, Randy
McKinney, Donna
McKnight, Jimmy

McVay, David
Medlock Steve
Merrill, Steve
Milner, Larry
Mitchell, Beverly
Montgomery, Carl
Moore, Carl

Moore, James
Morrison, Linda
Moses, Danny
Moses, Debbie
Neal, David
Neidecker, Sally
Newton, Cathy

Sophs Enjoy Speaking Out, Sharing Experiences



TAKING TIME OUT for a "gossip" session between classes are sophomores, Janie Stevenson, Lynn Broaddrick, Marilyn Hayes and Barbara Wilson. School officials said, "Sophomores had no difficulties in speaking out".

BILLY BOB LANSDELL takes in the environment during the morning break, as he offers his ideas on how to solve the world's problems.

Nolan, Donna
Norwood, Mike
Odle, Larry
Parks, Roger
Parks, Joyce
Parks, Mike
Parks, Sandy

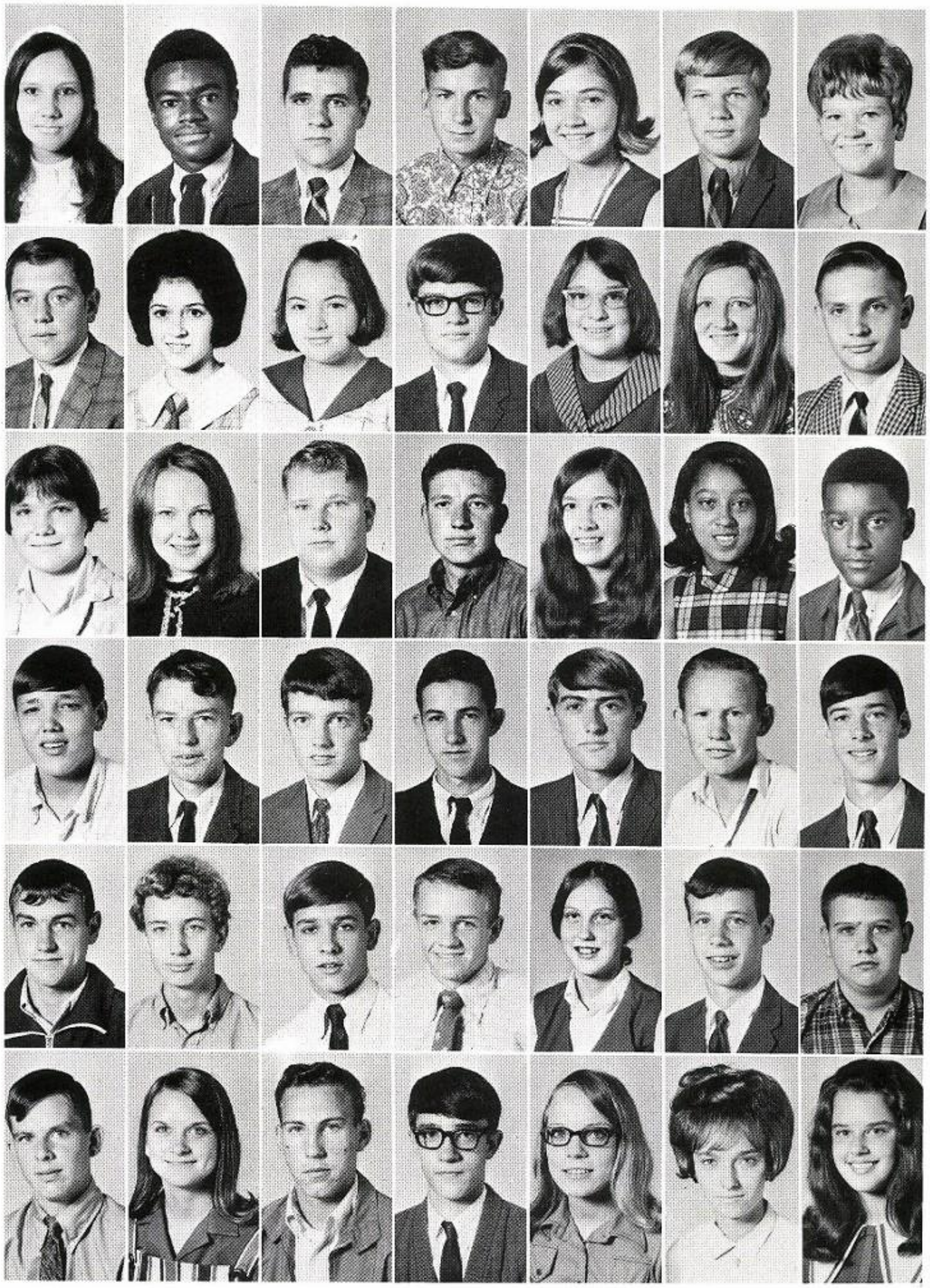
Perkins, Steve
Peters, Carol
Pitchford, Sarah
Price, Steve
Pugh, Margaret
Quinette, Terry
Rainwater, Virgil

Rankin, Patricia
Redding, Debbie
Ree, Ronnie
Reed, Jerry
Reed, Theresa
Reese, Deborah
Reese, Gary

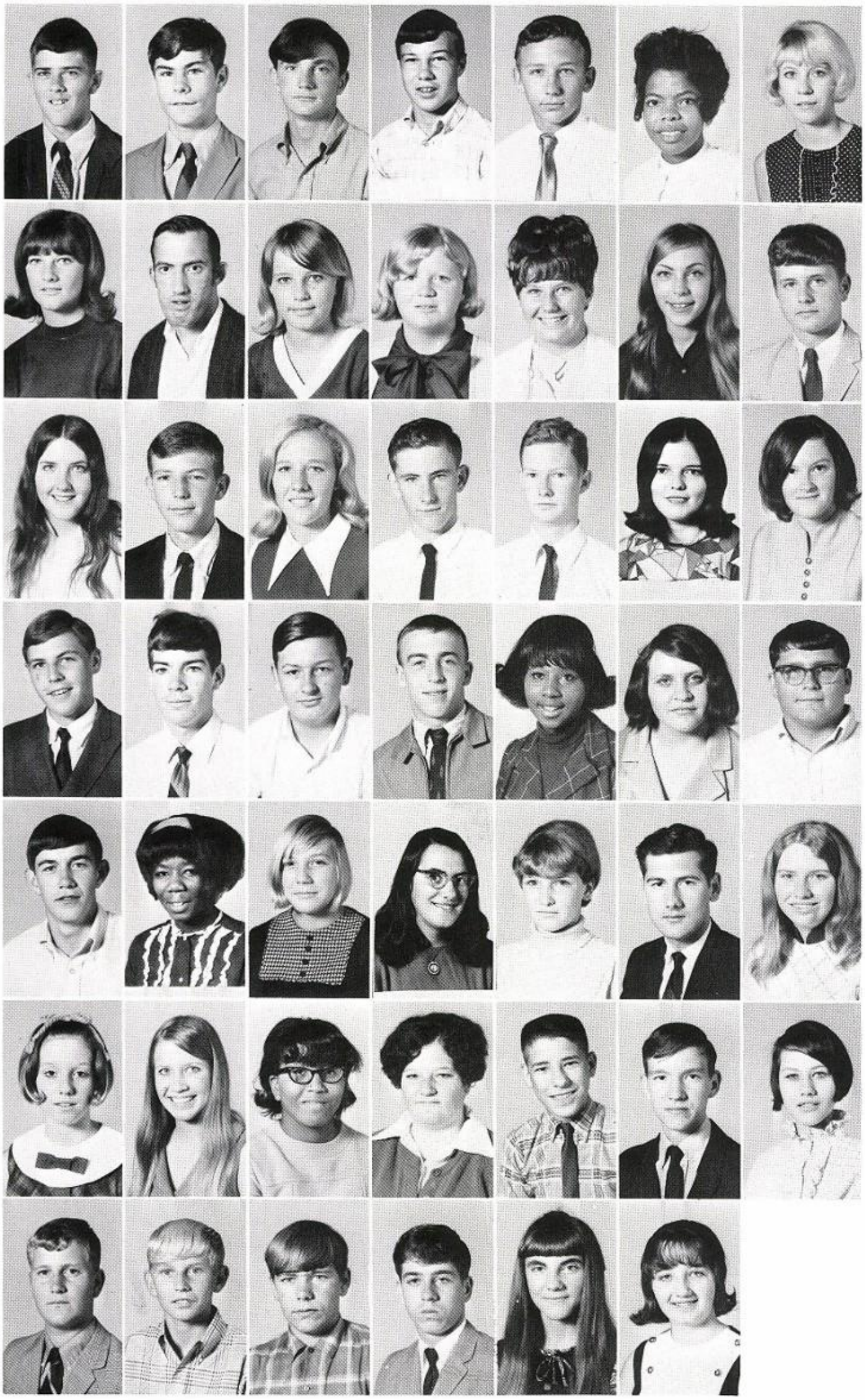
Reynolds, Archie
Rhynes, Billy
Richmond, Eddie
Richmond, Jackie
Riggs, John
Riley, Donald
Roberts, Phil

Rogers, Danny
Rowland, Frank
Runions, Stanley
Sagely, John
Sargent, Pam
Sargent, Stewart
Scott, Mike

Scott, Terry
Selby, Pat
Selman, Al
Servold, Roger
Servold, Sally
Shearburn, Nedra
Shibley, Susan



Friendships, Planning Fill Free Time



SOPHOMORES

Shook, Darrell
Sindle, Terry
Sidler, Roy
Smith, Gary
Smith, George
Sopshire, Cathleen
Spears, Debbie

Staab, Cathy
Stanley, Mike
Steed, Dorothy
Stevens, Rhonda
Stevenson, Diane
Stevenson, Janie
Stevenson, Rion

Stockton, Lisa
Stockton, Wesley
Stratton, Monte
Steudeman, Mitchell
Sutton, Jerry
Symonds, Cynthia
Tanner, Janice

Taylor, Ricky
Telar, Wade
Tindle, Terry
Thomas, Brad
Thomas, JoAnn
Thomas, Elaine
Tittle, Randy

Towson, Billy
Travis, Yketa
Trent, Kay
Tugg, Dorothy
Turner, Sue
Vaughn, Billy
Wait, June

Walker, Connie
Watkins, Elaine
West, Donna
Westfall, Sandra
Wheeler, Kevin
White, Mike
Whited, Lillie

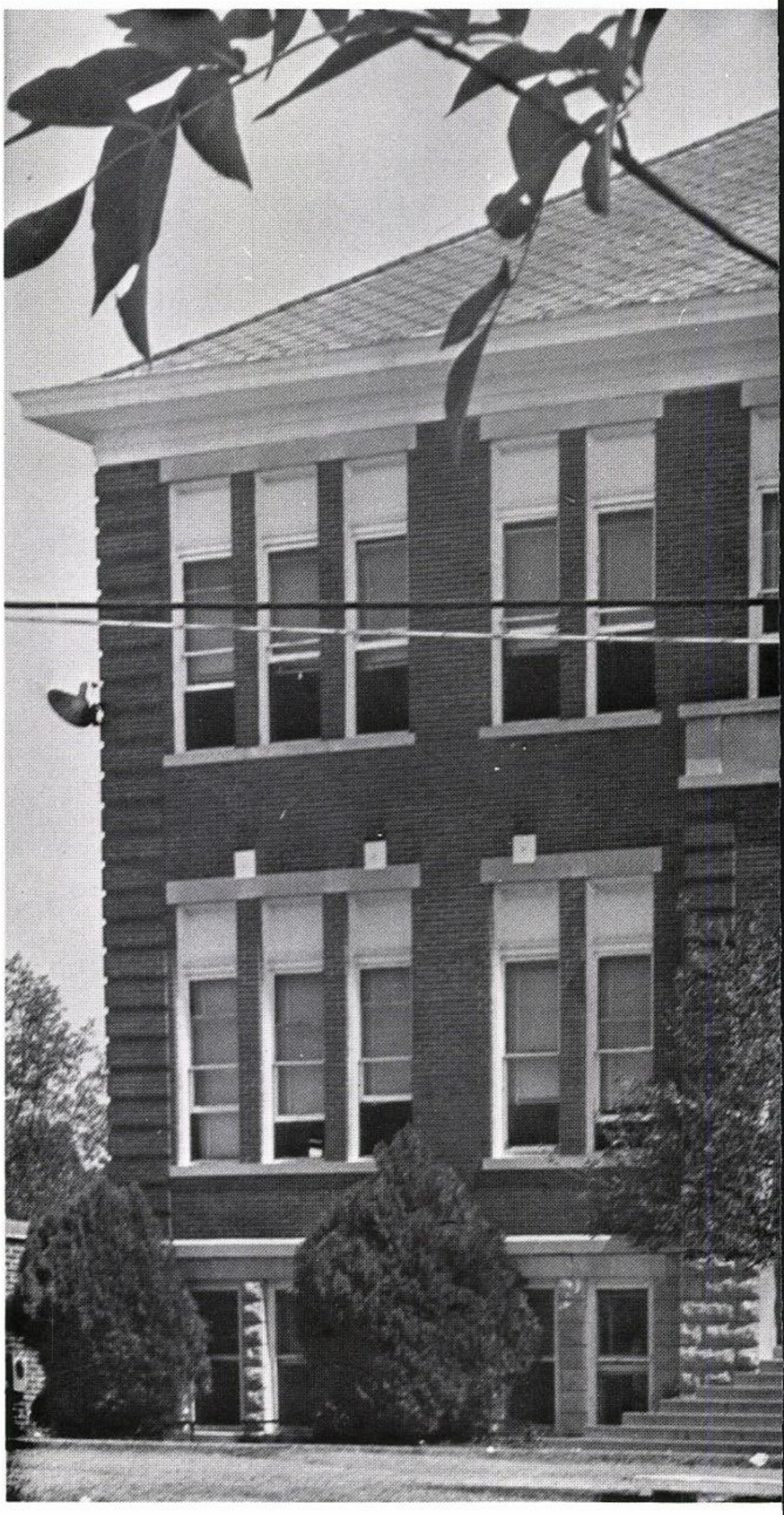
Wiley, Larry
Wiley, Ricky
Willhite, Ikey
Williams, David
Wood, Paula
Yancey, Debbie

JUNIOR HIGH

The giant step from grade school to Junior High is made by hundreds of eager young students each year.

Junior High has long been the symbol of growing out of a world of simplicity into one of tardy bells, six different teachers and classrooms, and four or five lunch periods.

The next huge step waiting in the future is High School.



BEING PRINCIPAL INVOLVES a lot of paper work, along with other duties such as keeping discipline among students, as Mr. J. W. Edminsten well knows.

New Principal Faces Challenging Post

Beginning his first year as principal at Van Buren Junior High, Mr. J. W. Edmisten finds the job of administrator both challenging and rewarding.

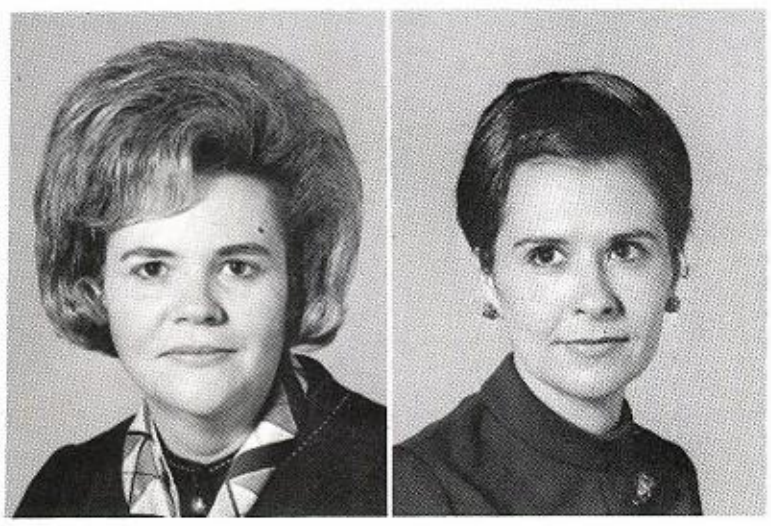
Responsible for the administration of school policy, student discipline, curriculum, and various other facets of school life, Mr. Edmisten finds his hours crowded with the details of operating a school.

Several changes are attributed to the new administration, such as the revision of the rule permitting girls to wear slacks to school.

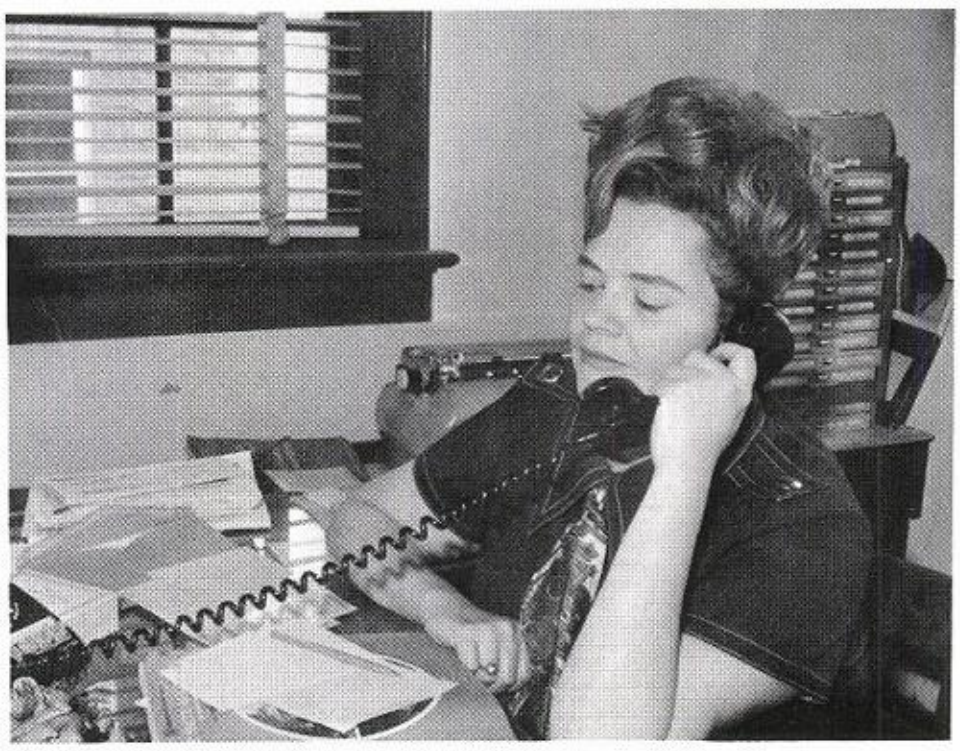
An increased enrollment of 774 adds to the responsibilities of Mr. Edmisten as he strives to offer a curriculum useful and beneficial to the entire student body. Electives are offered to increase student participation and form a varied range of study.

Aiding Mr. Edmisten in coordinating his busy schedule are Mrs. Sally Brooks and Mrs. Carolyn Morrison, secretaries.

PRINCIPAL, J. W. EDMISTEN



MRS. SALLY BROOKS, secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Morrison, secretary



RIGHT: Putting the telephone to good use is a big part of Mrs. Sally Brooks' job.

Math, Science Continue Expansion

Instructing students in math and science becomes increasingly important as our modern world progresses.

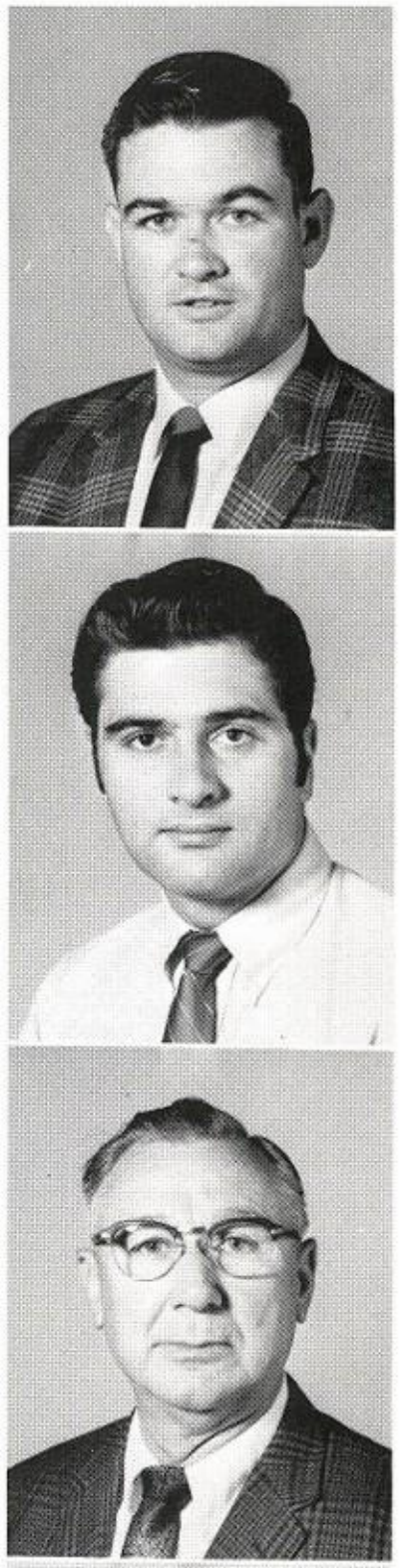
Building a foundation of basic knowledge on which to mount further study is the purpose of the math and science departments of VBJS.

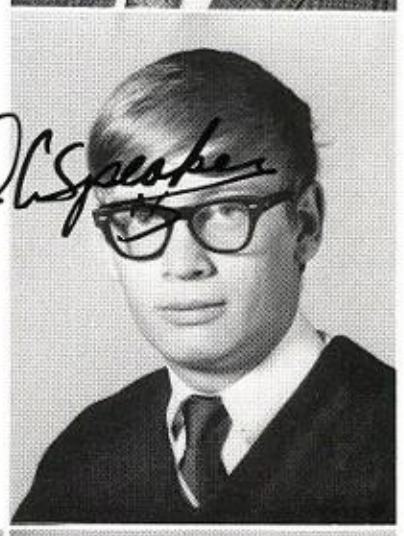
Interest is a vital factor strived for as the instructors daily add to the students' already growing field of knowledge and spark curiosity for further experiments.

Studies range from basic biology, chemistry, and physics to ecology, geology, and zoology as the science department broadens the minds of the students. The math departments also create interest among students as it covers a variety of subjects such as algebra, geometry, and general math.

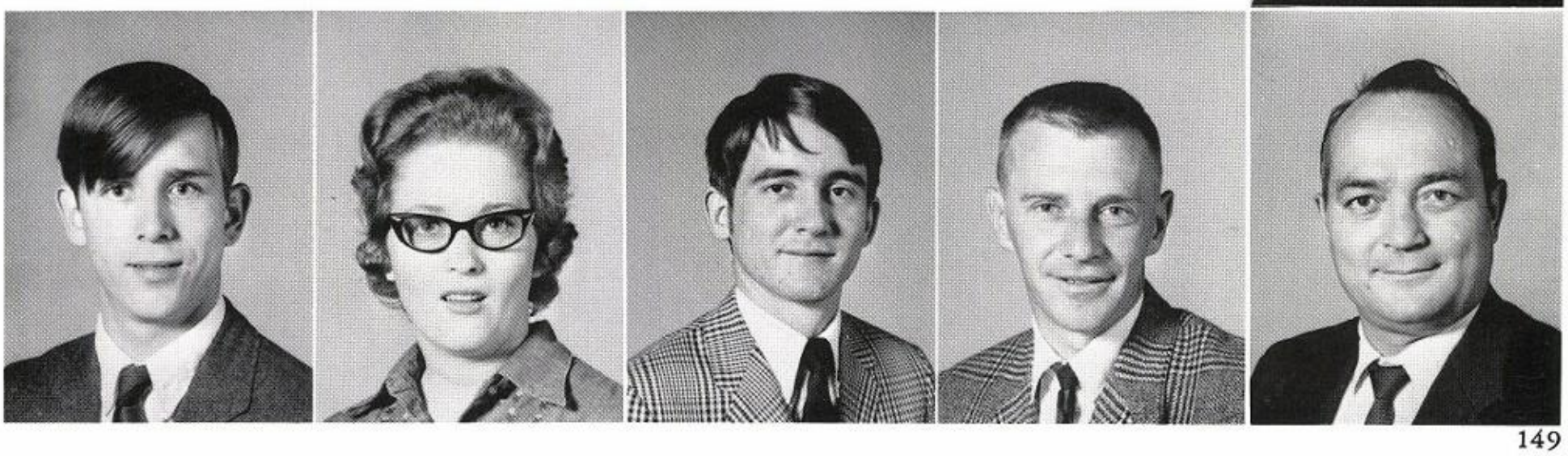
Knowledge on which to build, experiment, and prepare is the key to the future.

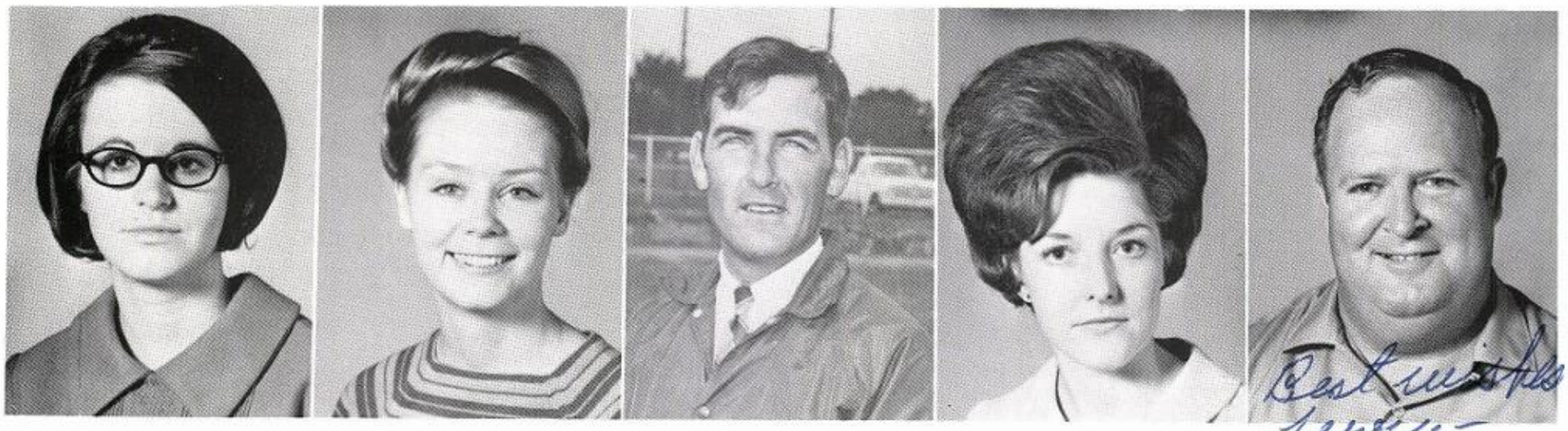
CAFETERIA STAFF: Mrs. Betty Bell, Mrs. Ellen Garrett, Mrs. Reba Knight, Mrs. Velma Ragsdale, Mrs. Nelda Williams, Mrs. Agnurs Gabbard, Mrs. Bobbie Ekins, Mrs. Beulah Abbot, Mrs. Stella Mae Jones,; Manager, Mrs. Lois Neidecker, Mrs. Eva Chapman.





SCIENCE: Mr. Don Christian, Mr. Jim Conaway, Mr. Anson Gregory, Mr. David Speaker. MATH: Bill Seabolt, Mr. Darrell Bowling, Mr. Henry Chotard, Mrs. Judy Fender, Mr. John Osoinach.





ENGLISH: Mrs. Jo Ellen Chotard, Mrs. Lynn Schriver, Mr. Wayne May, Mrs. Pat Conaway, Mr. George Thompson.

English, History Stimulate Thought

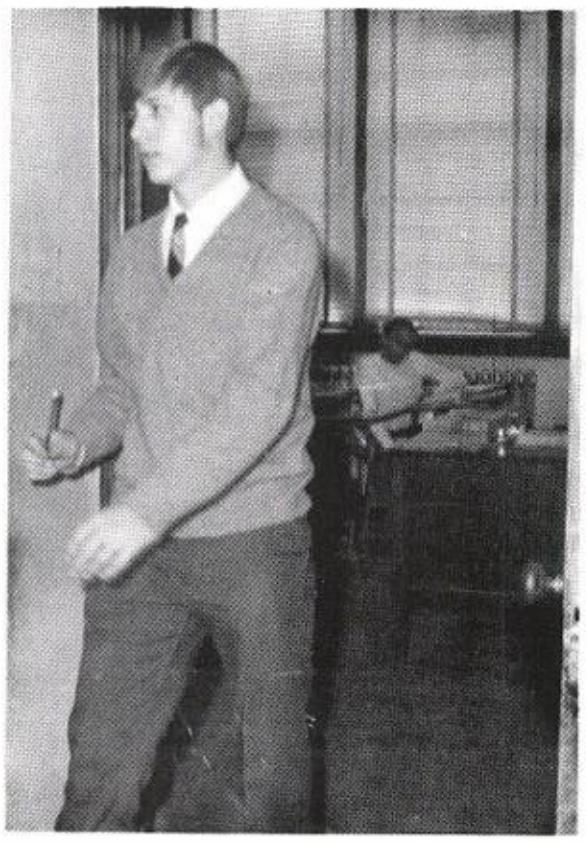
Better understanding among people all over the world is a much sought after prize, and in the hope of obtaining it, programs of history, civics, and geography are necessities.

Understanding can come only from a knowledge and familiarity with our neighbors' problems, their economical and environmental situations.

It is the job of the social studies instructors at Junior High to impress upon their students the importance of this knowledge and understanding.

In many ways, language and social studies are interlinked. The goals of one are promoted by the goals of the other. In addition to principles, desires, and aims, a common language is an important element of national unity.

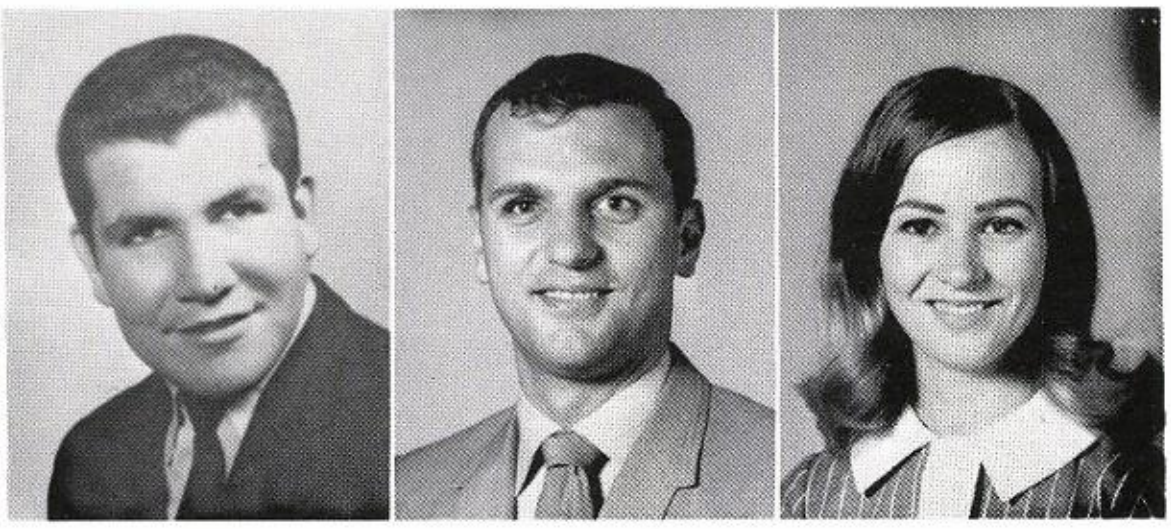
Literature can stimulate the mind into creative, realistic, or even philosophic thought. It can produce a vivid portrayal of the past. Events known before only as names and dates can be brought to graphic life by a knowing author.



A TRIP down the hall to get his mail is a daily trip for Mr. John Osoinach, math instructor.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Mr. F. R. Considine, Mrs. Ruie Ann Parks, Mr. George Banther, Mrs. Anne Buckalew, Mr. Daylon Cawthon.

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT Diane Brasuell prepares for a vigorous hour of work.



ART: Mr. Jay Benham, BAND: Mr. John Winkelmann, MUSIC: Mrs. Jenny Prichard.

Electives Fill Out Curriculum

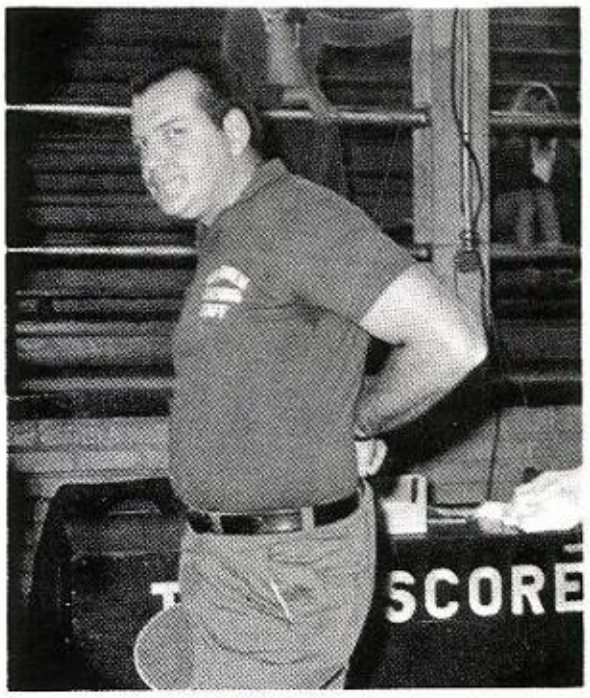
Along with the academic courses, Junior High students are offered a number of elective courses from which to chose.

Band, choral music, and art make up the classes of the arts at Junior High. Mr. John Winkelmann directs the band, and Mrs. Jenny Prichard is director of the coral music department. Mr. Jay Benham is in charge of the art classes.

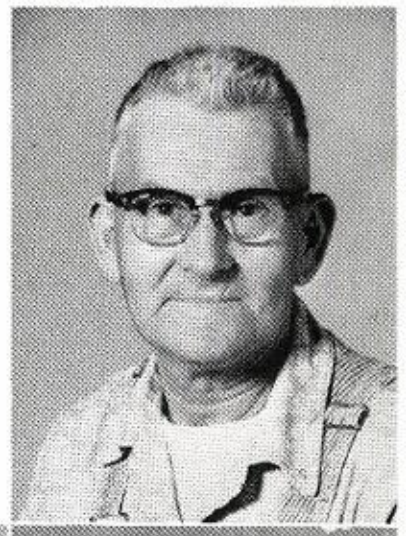
A required "elective" is P. E., of which Miss Janet Yarbrough, Coach Ronald Mitchell, and Coach W. E. Hawthorne are in charge.

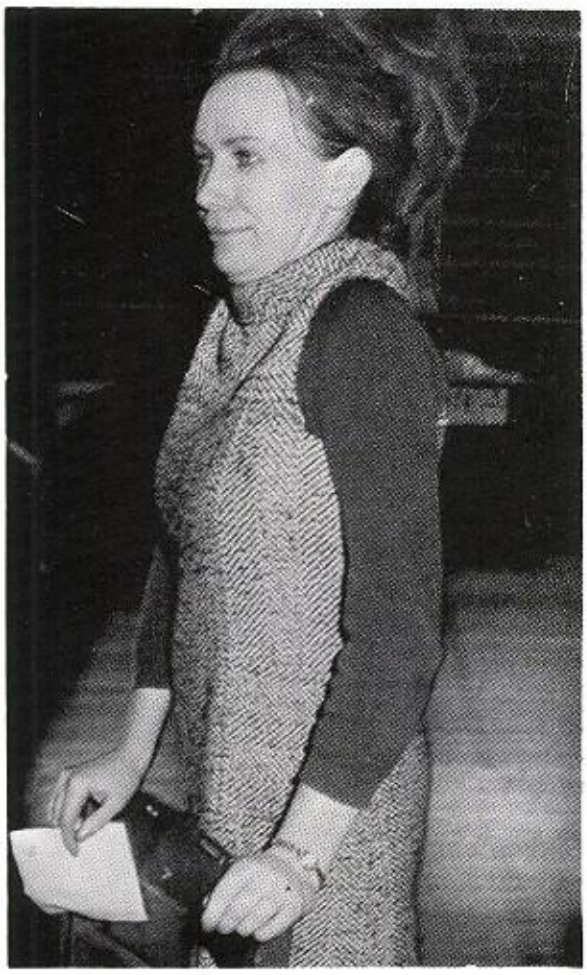
Mr. Gene Dooley controls the library, with Mrs. Pat Byers presiding over study hall. Completing the electives in Home Economics class, instructed by Mrs. Marion Stephenson.

Mr. Wilt Shearer is custodian.

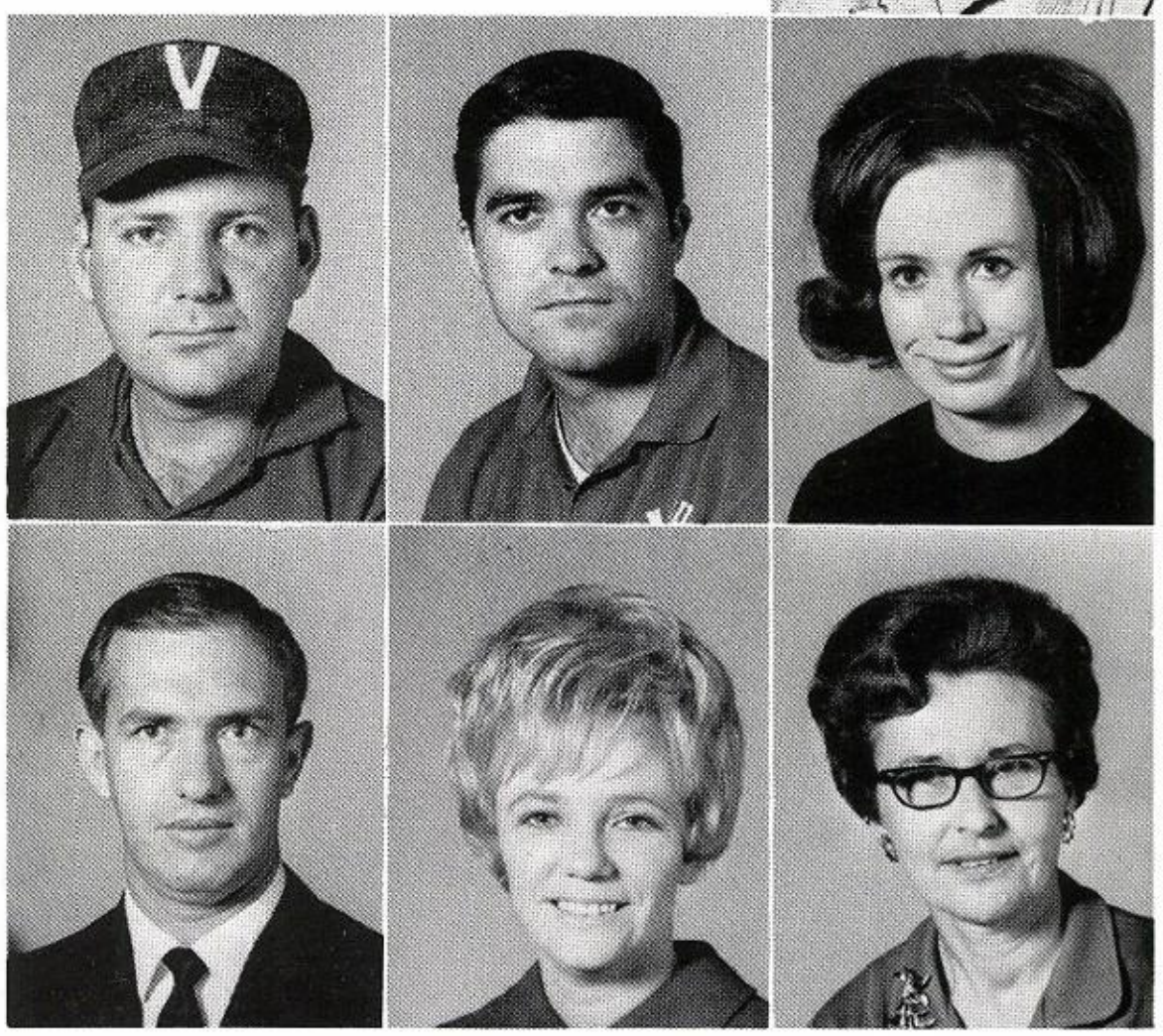


Just what every red-blooded American coach needs, a strenuous game of table tennis gives Coach W. E. Hawthorne a back ache.

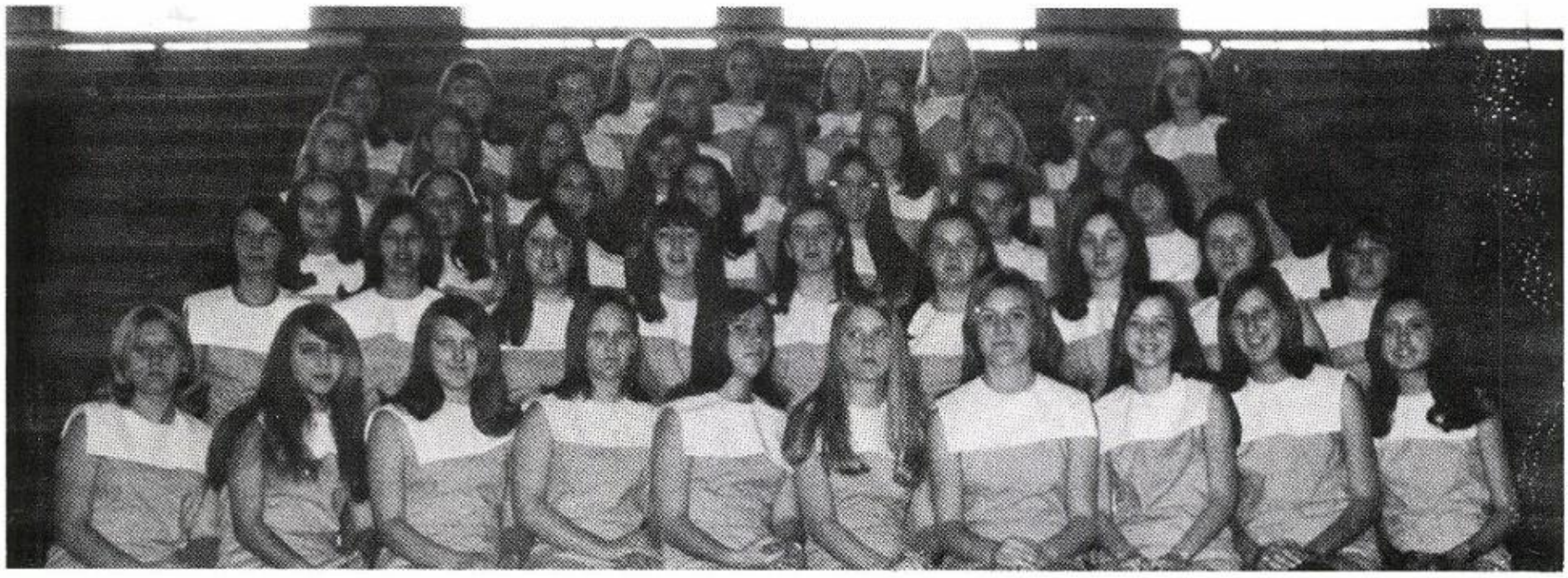




This is getting out of control. Miss Janet Yarbrough seems to be losing her cool in one of her Physical Education classes.



CUSTODIAN: (upper) Mr. Wilt Shearer, P.E., ATHLETICS: Coach W. E. Hawthorne, Coach Ronald Mitchell, Janet Yarbrough. LIBRARIAN: Mr. Gene Dooley. STUDY HALL: Mrs. Pat Byers. HOME EC.: Mrs. Marion Stephenson.



FRESHMAN GIRLS JOIN together to make a successful year in Glee Club.

ENSEMBLE: Phyllis Cook, Barbie Bell, Sharon Myers, Lisa Huckleberry, Rita Johnson, Jean Hopkins, Karen Moon, Cheryl Coleman, Cindi Franklin.

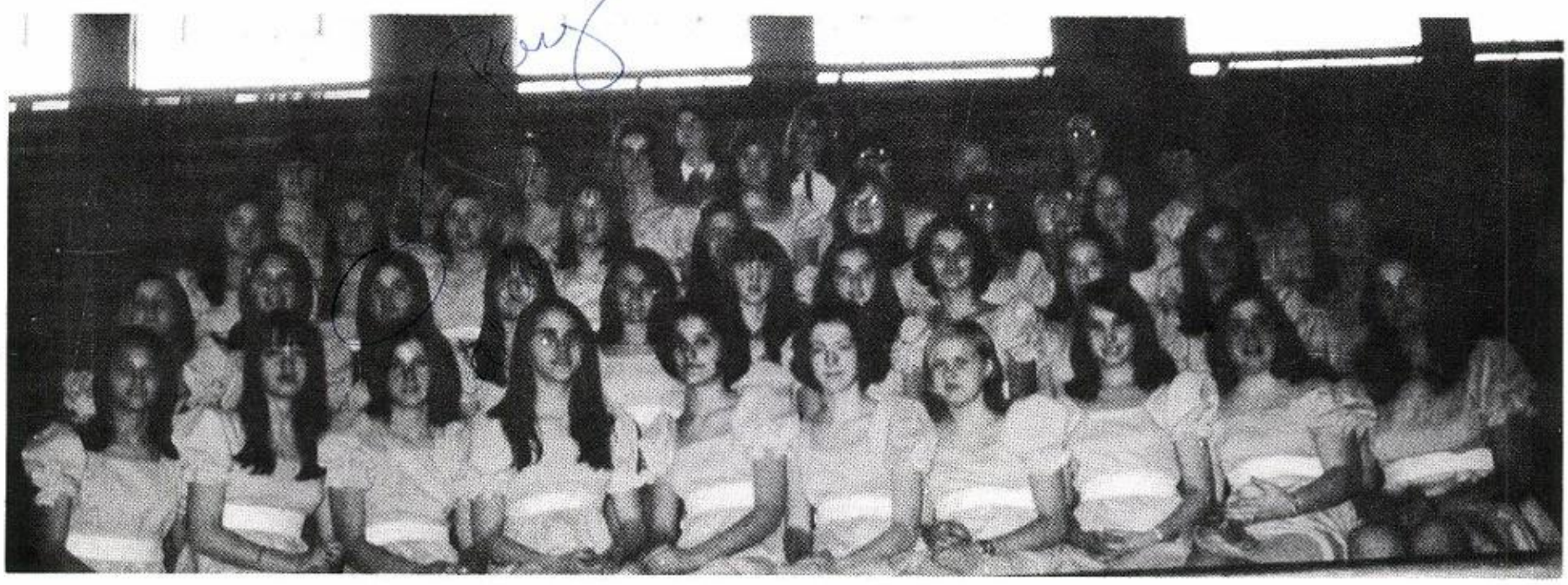
Glee Clubs Sing For Assemblies

Presenting programs both for assemblies and ratings was one of the undertakings of the Junior High Choral Department.

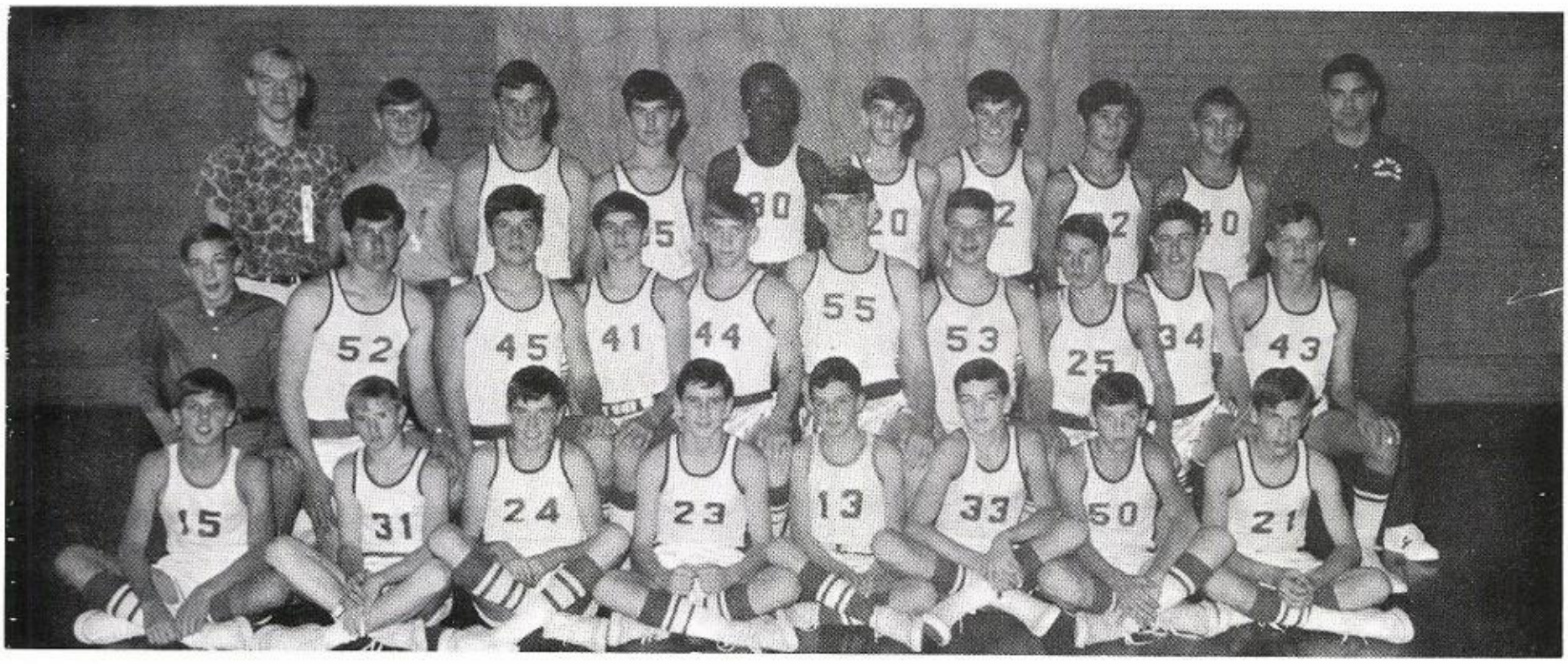
Under the direction of Mrs. Jenny Prichard, the department had both eighth and ninth grade Glee Clubs.

Mrs. Prichard also directed an ensemble which consists of nine girls. This group performed for school and civic activities.

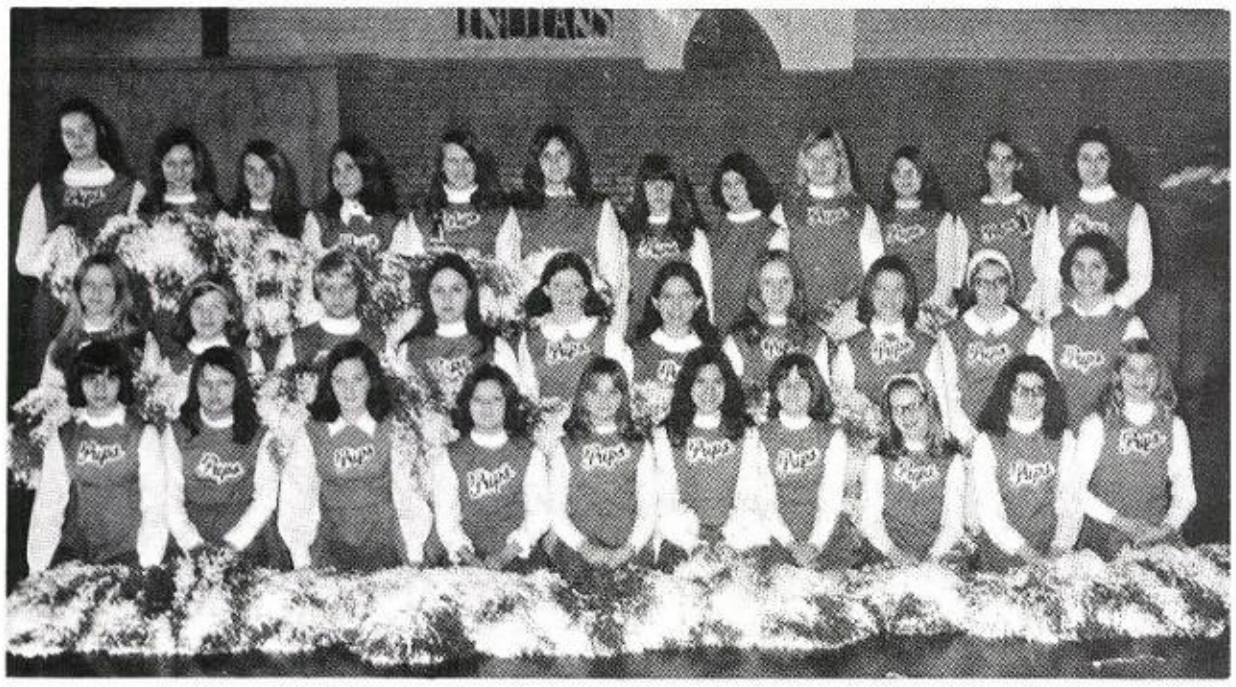
The music department helps promote school involvement and pride in the school.



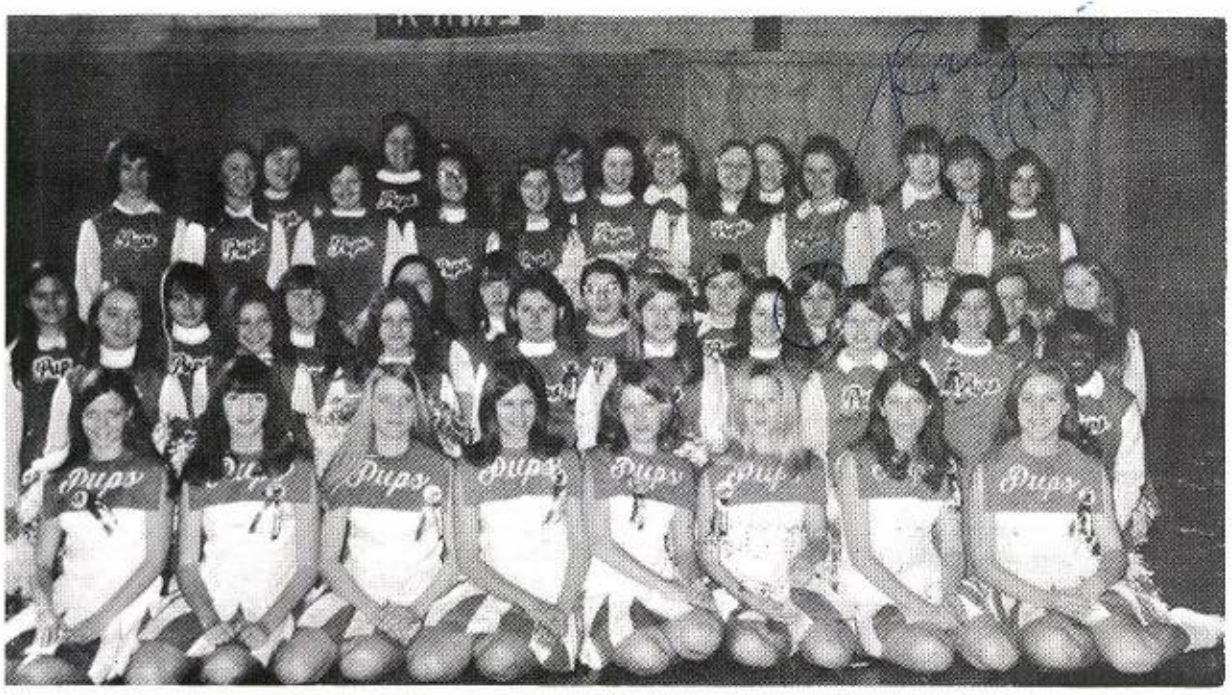
EIGHTH GRADE GLEE CLUB girls prepare to sing at district and in assembly.



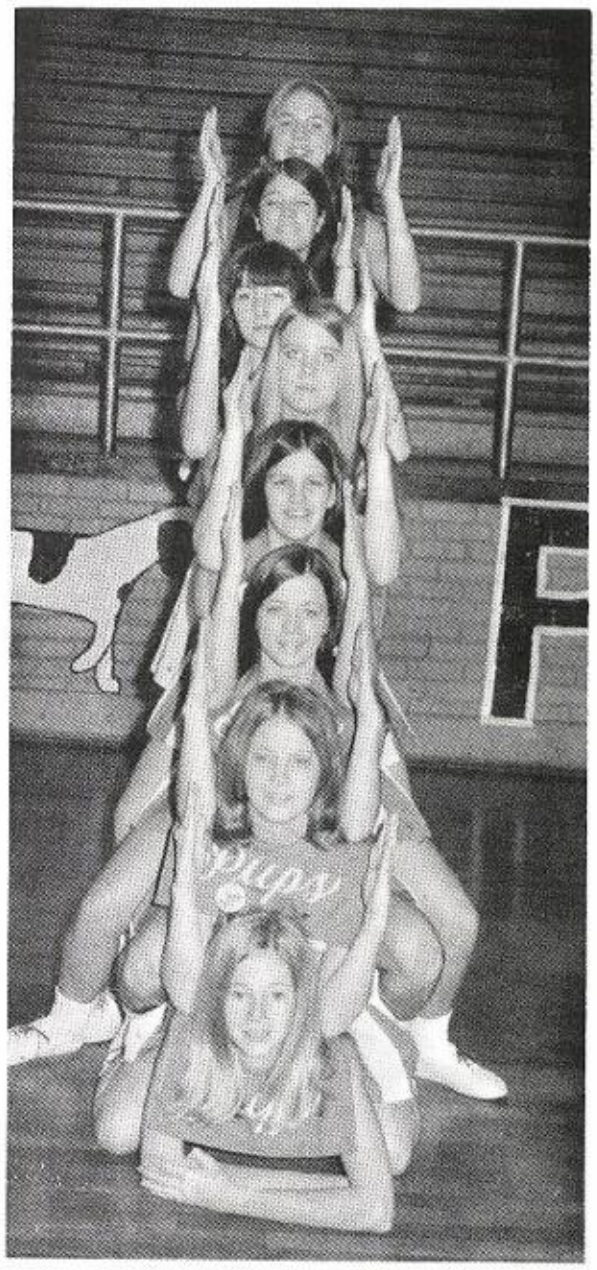
PUP BASKETBALL SQUAD: Row 1: Ricky Glass, Leon Bowling, Larry Stockton, Roger Kendrick, Dick Edds, Mike Considine, Ralph Brassuel, Ricky Beckham. Row 2: Randy Smith, Ricky Williams, Bobby Rayburn, Otta Cluck, Ronnie Watkins, Dennis Hunter, Ricky McDaniel, Bobby Innman, Donnie Kendrick, Bobby Freeman. Row 3: Benny Gabbard, Jeff Brooks, Mark Hatfield, David Rouw, Milo Travis, Randy Fears, Jim Check, John Bryant, Randy O'Kelly, Coach Ronald Mitchell.

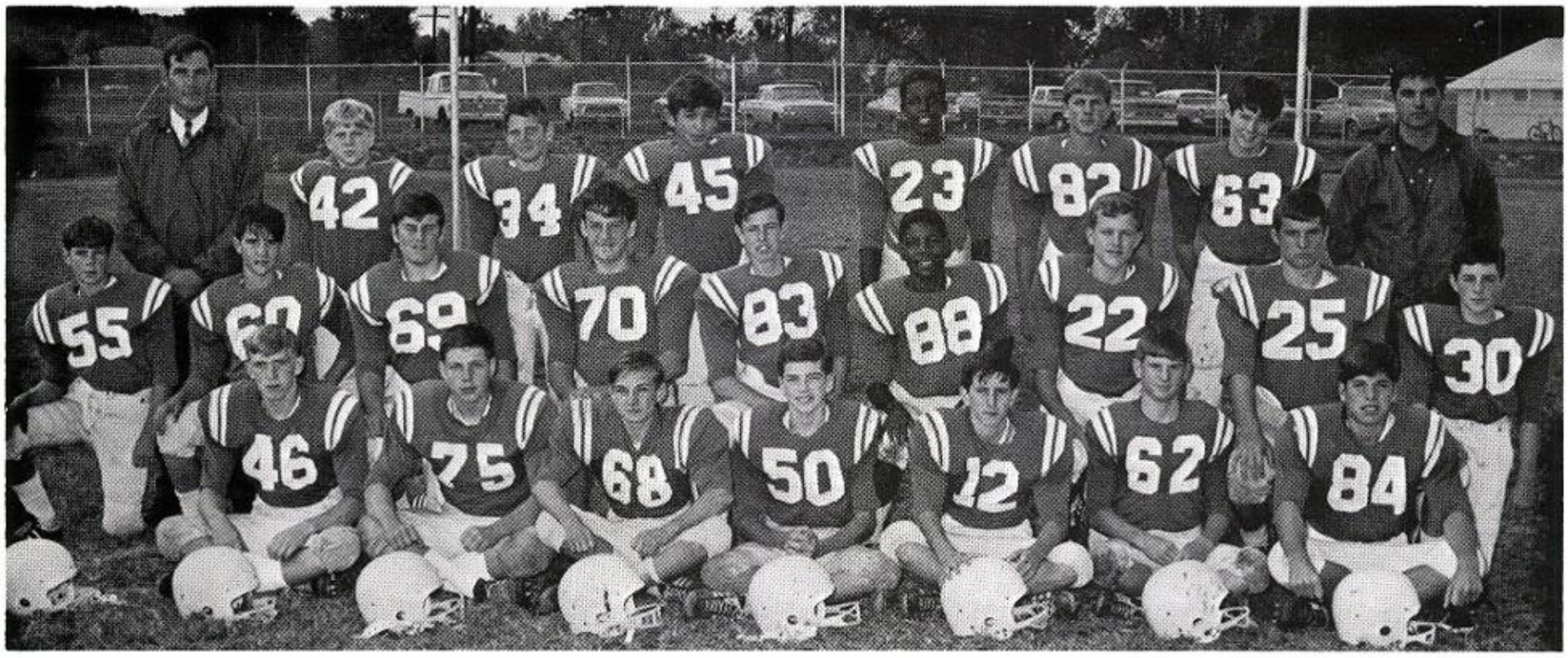


ALWAYS BEHIND THE team is the Pup Pep Club. It consists of about 90 members. They are pictured above and below.



PUP CHEERLEADERS: Landy, Keeton, Nancy Hubbell, Deonne Davis, Barbie Bell, Paula Keeton, Gaye Graham, Debbie Brodie, Lisa Huckleberry.





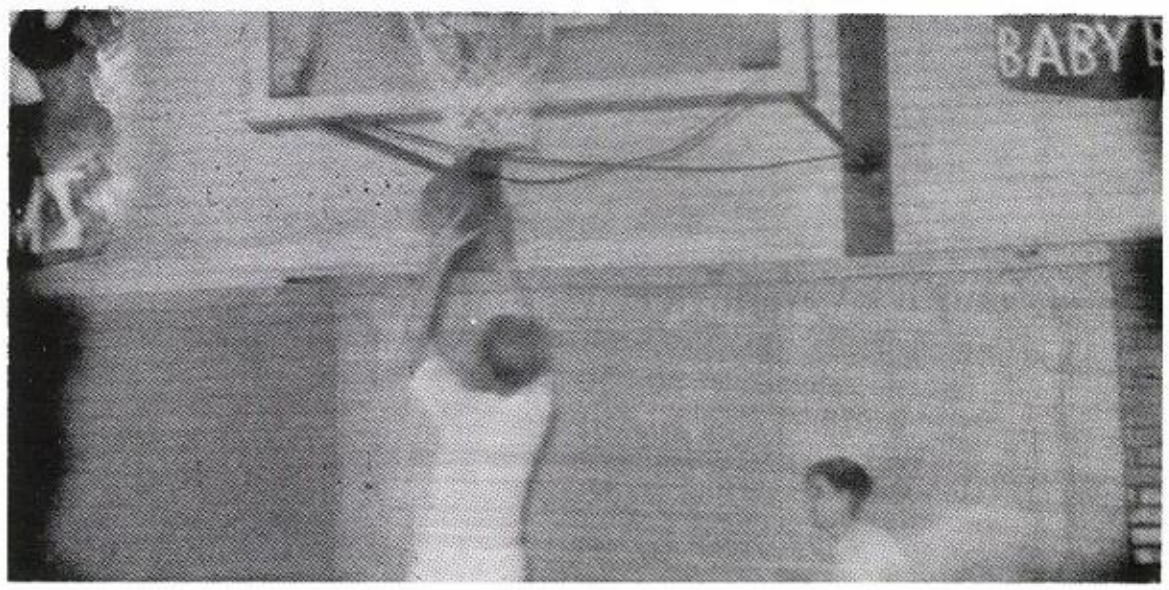
PUP FOOTBALL SQUAD: Row 1: Ronnie Watkins, Ricky McDaniel, Randall Smith, Mike Considine, Roger Kendrick, Jeff Brooks, Bobby Rayburn. Row 2: Scoot Hartley, Elliot Hays, Joe Jackson, Gene Williams, Donnie Kendrick, Phil Perry, Bobby Freeman, Mark Hatfield, Dick Edds. Row 3: Coach May, Paul Rogers, Pat Biggerstaff, John Bryant, Milo Travis, Ricky Glass, Jamie Cheek, Coach Mitchell.

Athletes Perform, Promote Spirit

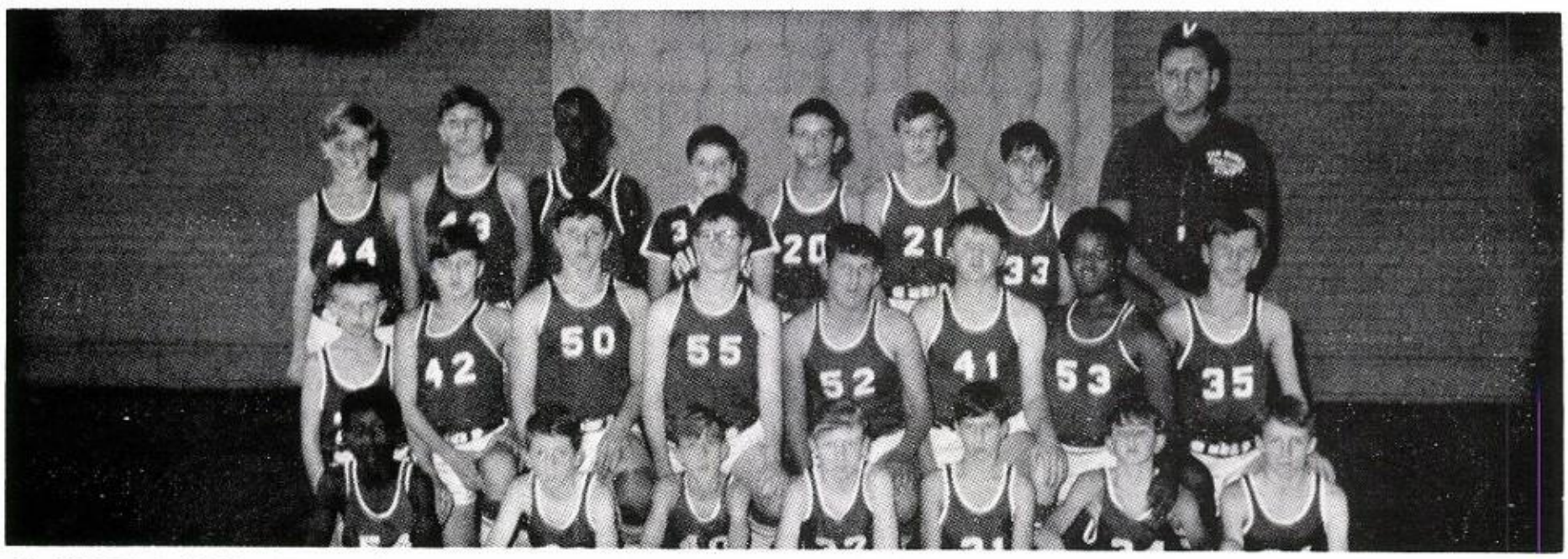
A vital part of the school curriculum, the athletic program combines youthful energy and vitality in competitive sports.

The football team, coached by head coach Ronnie Mitchell and Mr. Wayne May used their determination and spirit as they sought each victory and accepted their defeats.

Despite a stiff schedule, the basketball team, coached by W. E. Hawthorne proved to be a threatening competitors as they played the area teams.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT is demonstrated here by Pup athletes.



8th GRADE BASKETBALL squad. Row 1: Gregory Johnson, Phillip Wade, Mark Cushman, John Scales, Gryner William, Mike Morrison, Chip Owen. Row 2: Larry Swaim, Donald Boster, Randy Thomas, Charles Pickle, Frankie Kelly, Larry Breeden, Harris Edwards, Hugh Kincy. Row 3: Mark Manuel, Bruce Reed, Danny McKinney, Jim Johnson, Bruce Neidecker, Darrell Wiley, Mike Mitchell, Coach Hawthorne.

MAJORETTES: Row 1: Teresa Latta, Sheryl Newton, Sherry Beckham, Nancy Harvey. Row 2: Becky Jones, Cheryl Servold and Diana Richmond.

Band Performs To Boost School

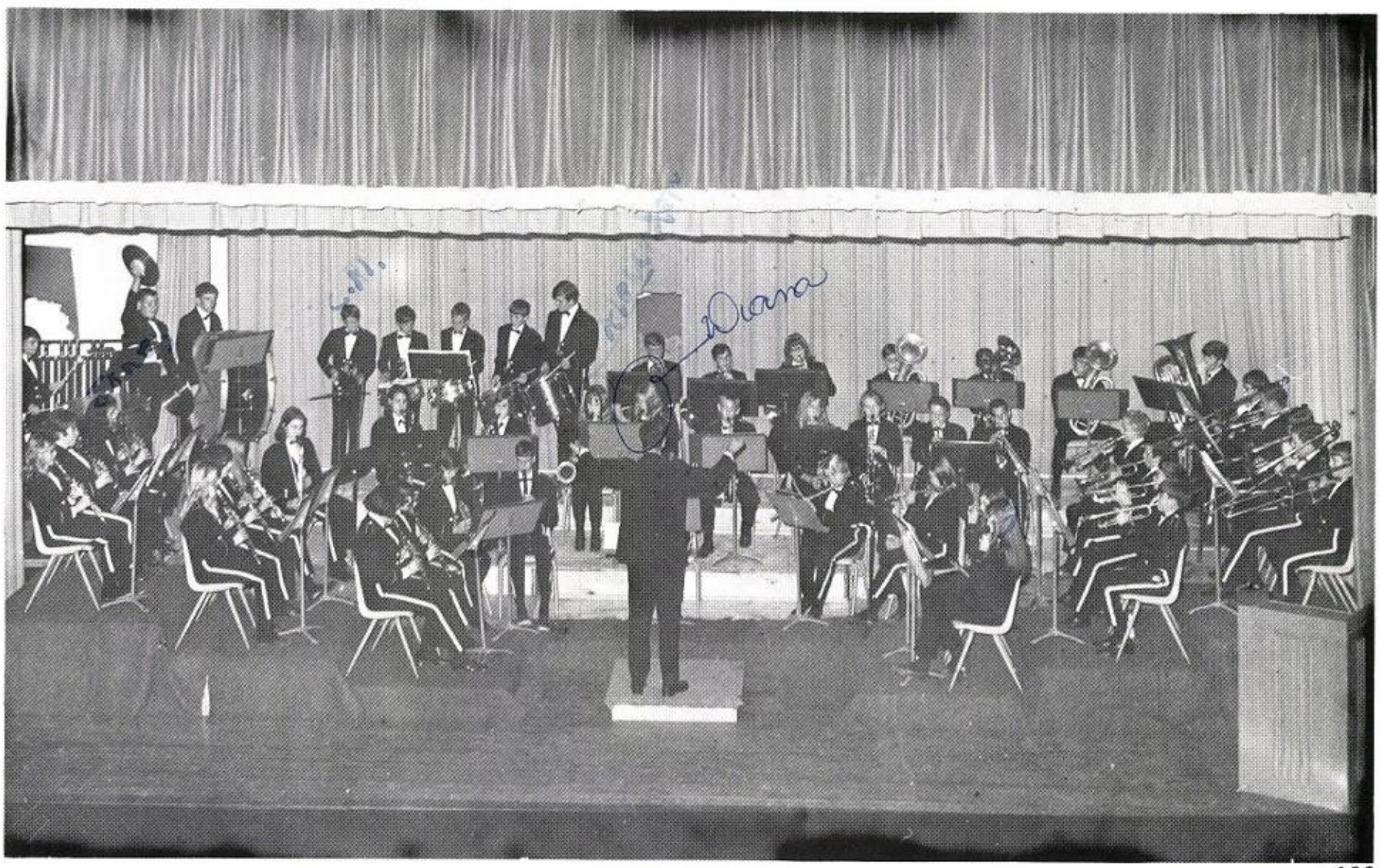
Under the direction of a new band instructor, Mr. John Winkelmann, the Van Buren Junior High Band exhibited talent and hard work as they greeted a busy year.

Marching and playing in halftime shows at football games and in parades, the band members displayed an enthusiasm which gained them both compliments and awards.

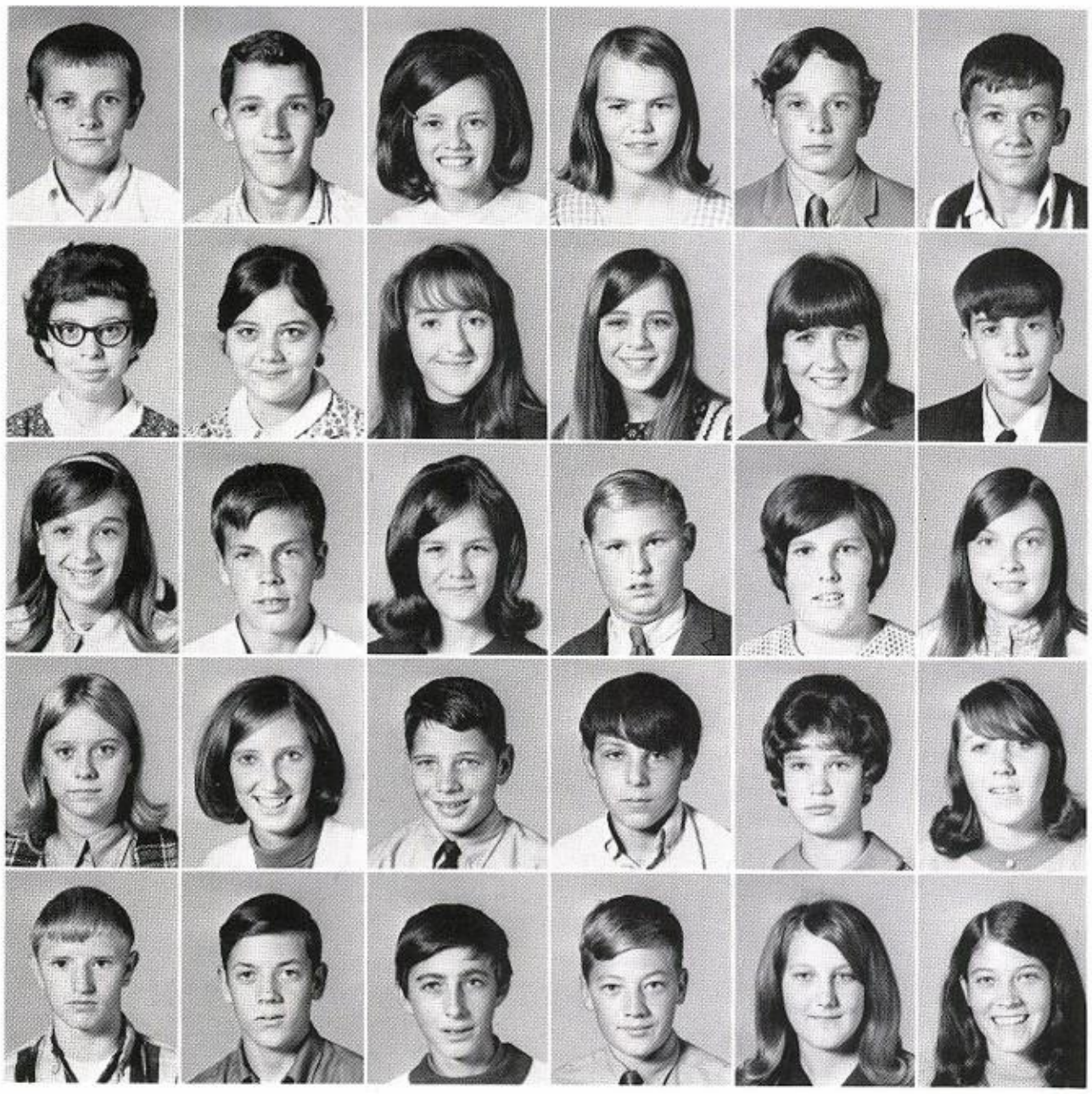
During concert season, the band showed an even greater determination as they prepared for Regional contest and competed with bands on a statewide level.

Providing entertainment and musical enjoyment for their listeners, the group performed at several concerts throughout the year.

Junior High Concert Band Directed by Mr. John Winkelmann.



Frosh Plan Giant Step to High School



NINTH GRADE

Akins, Kenneth
Ames, Eddie
Anderson, Janet
Armer, Joy
Arnold, David
Ball, Billie

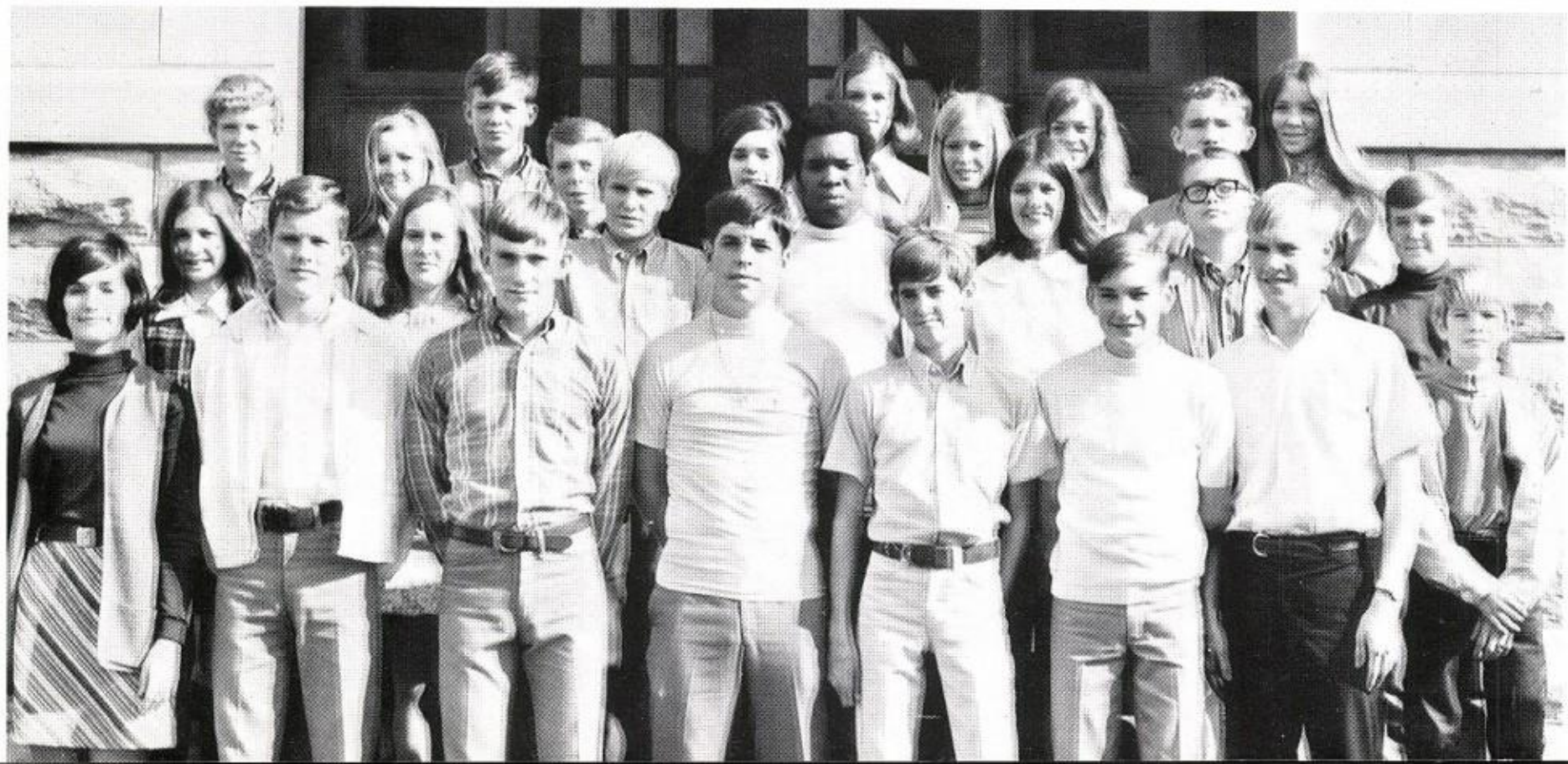
Bankston, Bonnie
Barclay, Lucy
Batchelor, Frankie
Baxter, Tona
Beckham, Joyce
Beckham, Ricky

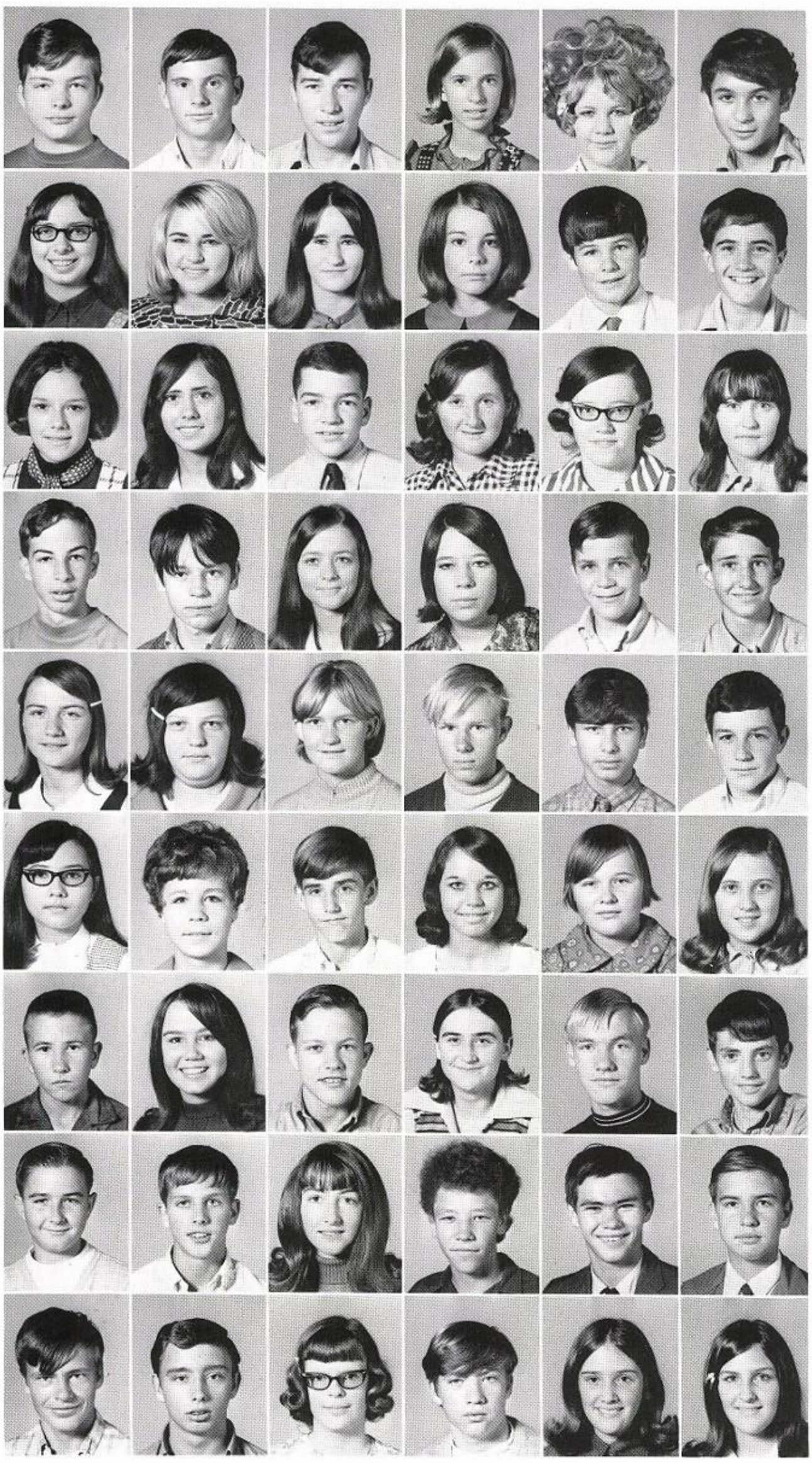
Beckham, Sherry
Beckham, Stanley
Bell, Barbie
Bell, Gary
Berntstem, Gaye
Berry, Dynatha

Berry, Suzanne
Bertram, Dean
Biggerstaff, Pat
Blassingame, Lannie
Bodine, Janice
Boster, Diana

Bowlin, Leon
Brasuell, Ralph
Bredrick, John
Brewer, Jimmy
Briley, Brenda
Brodie, Debbie

STUDENT COUNCIL: Row 1: Jane Hopkins, Bob Freeman, Ronnie Watkins, Bob Rayburn, Randy Fears, Randy Smith, Bennie Gabbard, George Holmes. Row 2: Lynn Coleman, Pattie McKisson, Steve Crabtree, Harris Edwards, Barbie Bell, David Dipboye, Steve Bertram. Row 3: Ginger Quinette, Phillip Wade, Jean Hopkins, Landy Keeton, Eddie Wiley. Row 4: John Scales, Darrel Wiley, Nancy Nichols, Sheryl Servold, Teresa Latta.





NINTH GRADE

Brookhart, Mark
Brooks, Jeff
Brown, Marlin
Brown, Phyllis
Bruce, Teresa
Bryant, John

Burkhart, Beverly
Bush, Diane
Campbell, Mary
Center, Sharon
Cheek, Jamie
Cluck, Otta

Cockrum, Idonna
Coleman, Cheryl
Considine, Michael
Crabtree, Maxine
Crawford, Sharon
Crowder, Christine

Crowder, Terry
Darland, David
Davis, Deanne
Denham, Carolyn
Dotson, Davy
Drake, Tommy

Dunn, Anita
Dunn, Elizabeth
Dunn, Freda
Dye, Ronnie
Dye, Terry
Edds, Dick

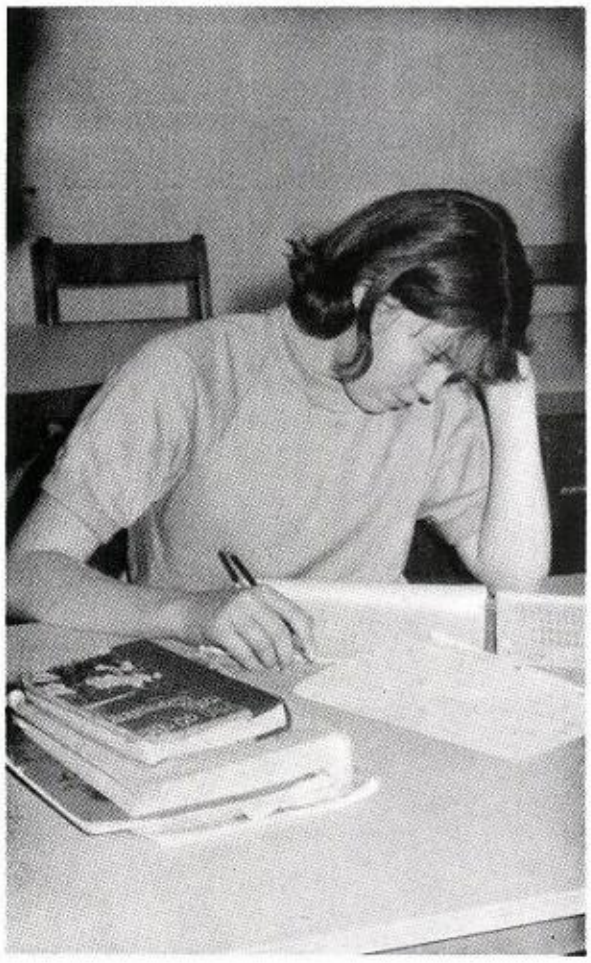
Esteban, Linda
Faldon, Gayle
Fears, Randy
Ferguson, Barbara
Fimple, Charlotte
Flippin, Diane

Floyd, David
Franklin, Cindy
Freeman, Bobby
Freeman, Linda
Gabbard, Benny
Gardner, Curtis

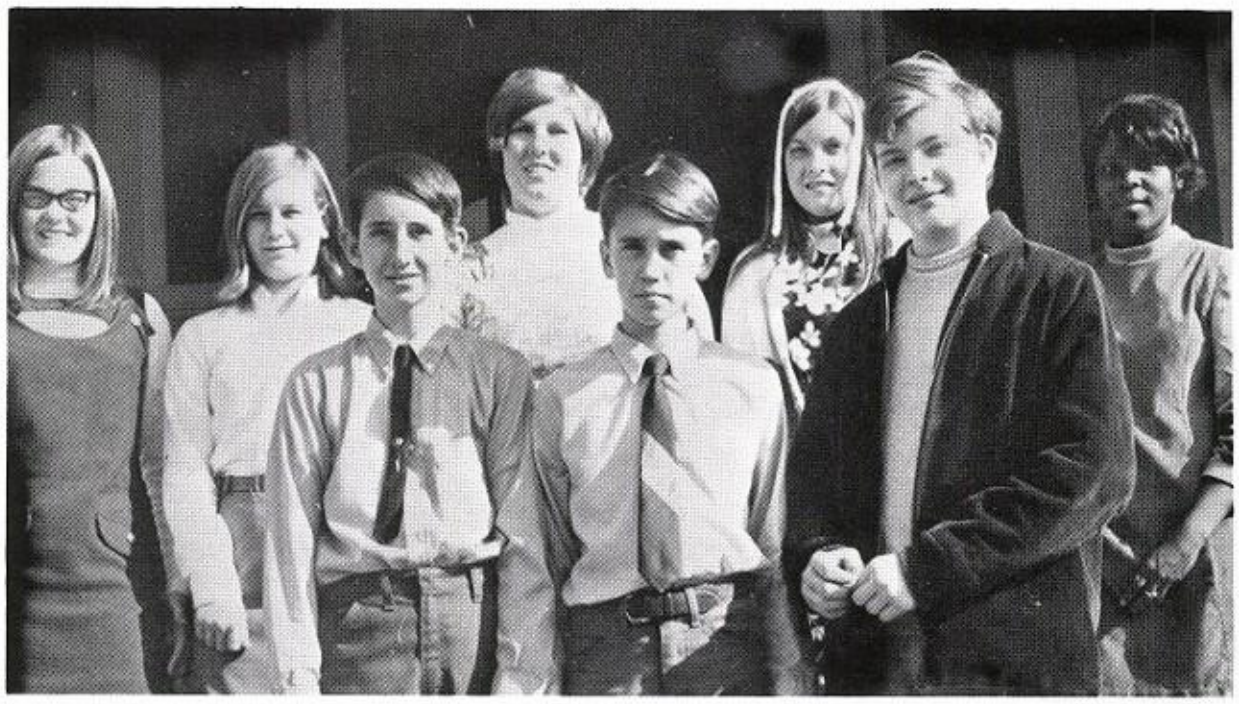
Gibson, David
Glass, Ricky
Graham, Gay
Green, Lewis
Gregory, Billie
Gregory, Troy

Hallmark, John
Hamilton, Ronnie
Hannah, Norma
Harper, John
Harris, Judy
Harshburger, Debbie

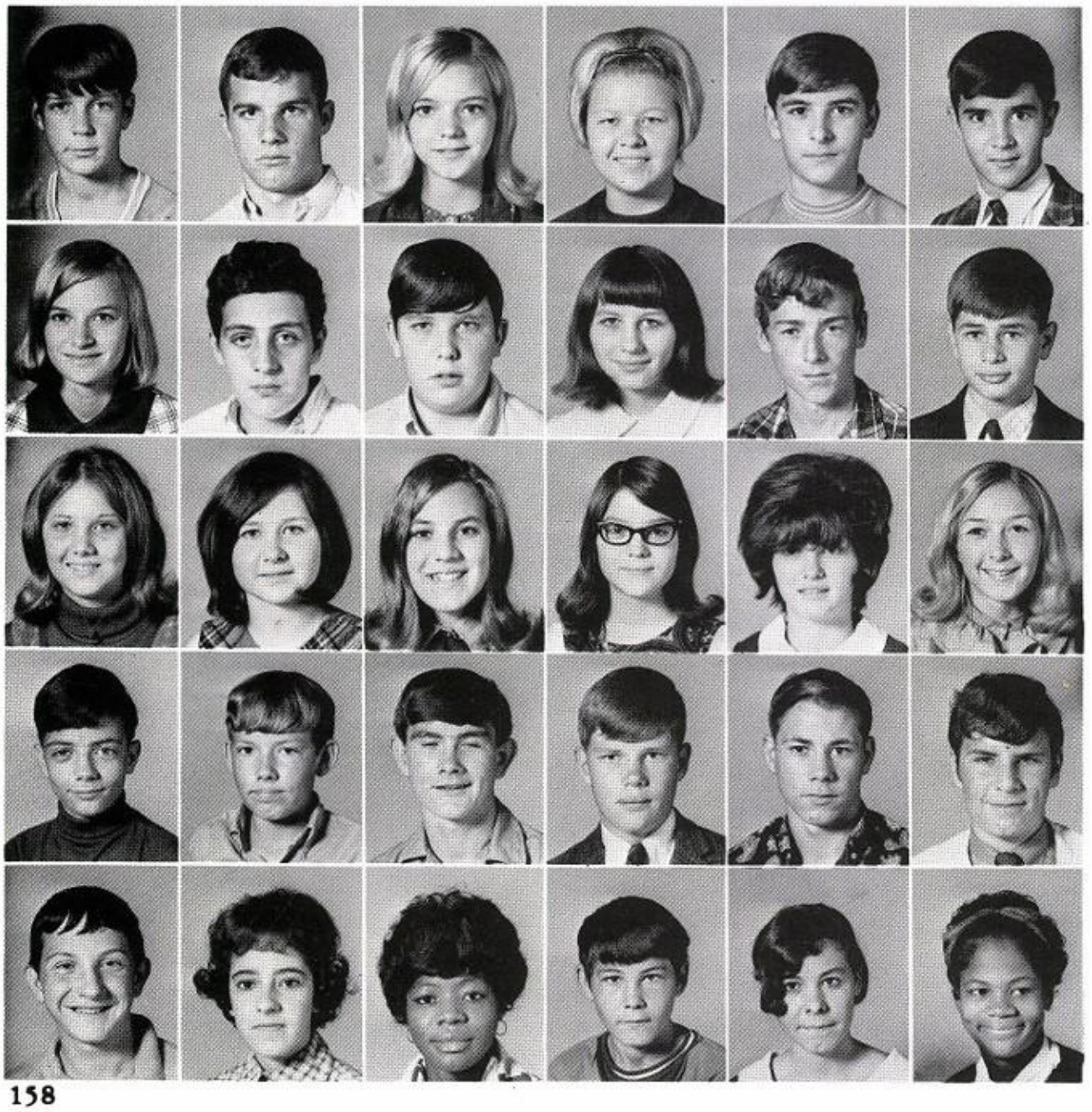
Enterprise, Cooperation Mark 235 9th Graders



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF library facilities, Beverly Langley studies for an upcoming exam.



BRIDGE CLUB: Row 1: Tommy Drake, Steve Woods, Mark Brookhart. Row 2: Susan Smith, Cheryl Smith, Gaye Berntsen, Dynatha Berry, and Deanne Perry.



NINTH GRADE

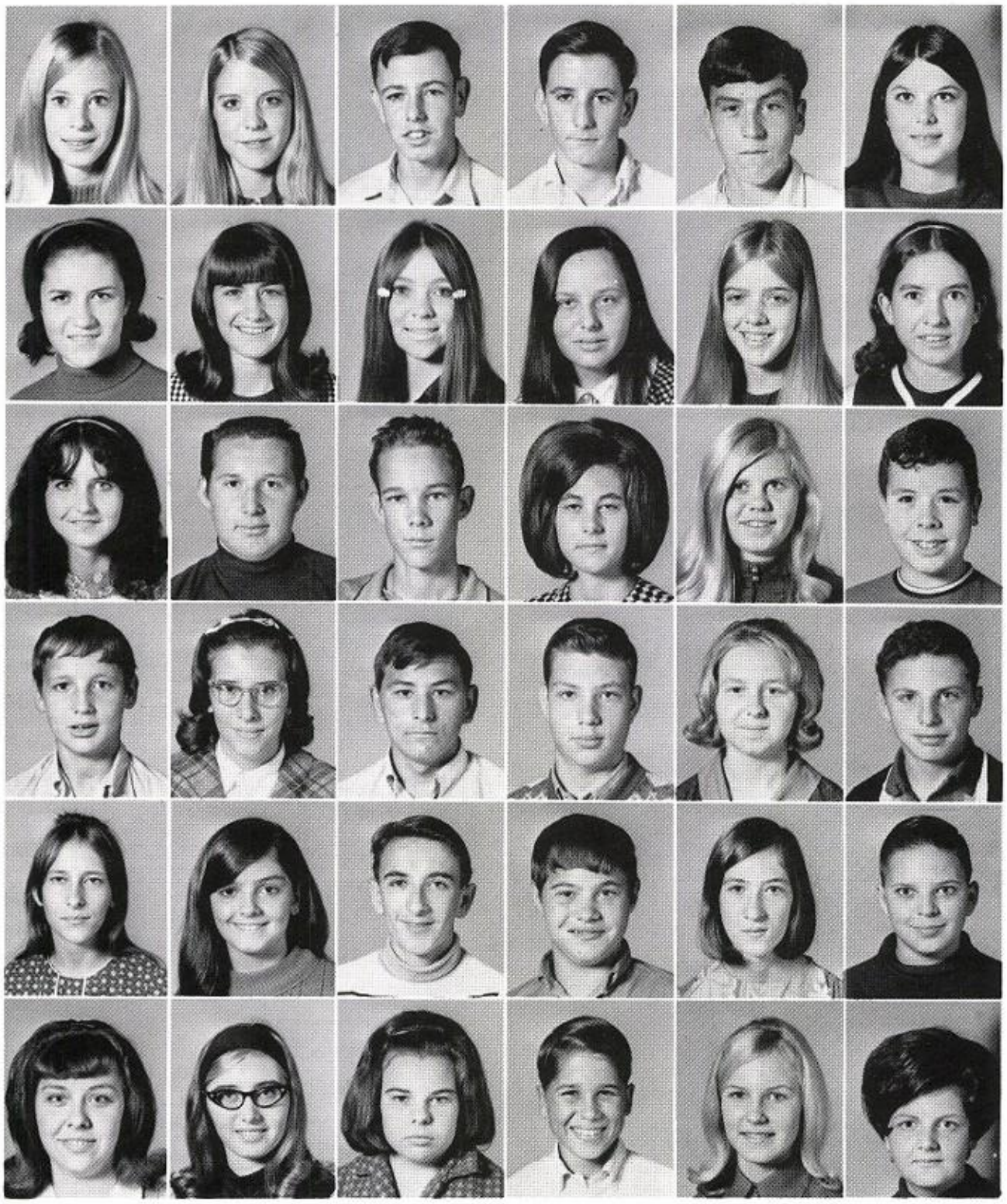
Hartley, Scott
Hatfield, Mark
Hayes, Marilyn
Hayes, Claylene
Hays, David
Hays, Elliot

Healy, Kim
Herring, Garland
Hopkins, David
Hooten, Linda
Horton, Rockey
Hlass, Mark

Hubbell, Nancy
Huckeby, Sally
Huckleberry, Lisa
Hudson, Diane
Hudson, Kathy
Huff, Pat

Hughes, Ralph
Hunter, David
Hunter, Dennis
Hyatt, Randy
Inman, Bobby
Jackson, Joe

Johnson, Charles
Johnson, Debbie
Johnson, Rita
Jones, Martin
Jones, Reba
Jordon, Von



NINTH GRADE

Keeton, Landy
Keeton, Paula
Kendrick, Donnie
Kendrick, Roger
Key, Larry
Killian, Teresa

King, Debbie
Kirkendall, Mary
Latta, Teresa
Lloyd, Gail
Lobdill, Sherrie
Lohman, Dixie

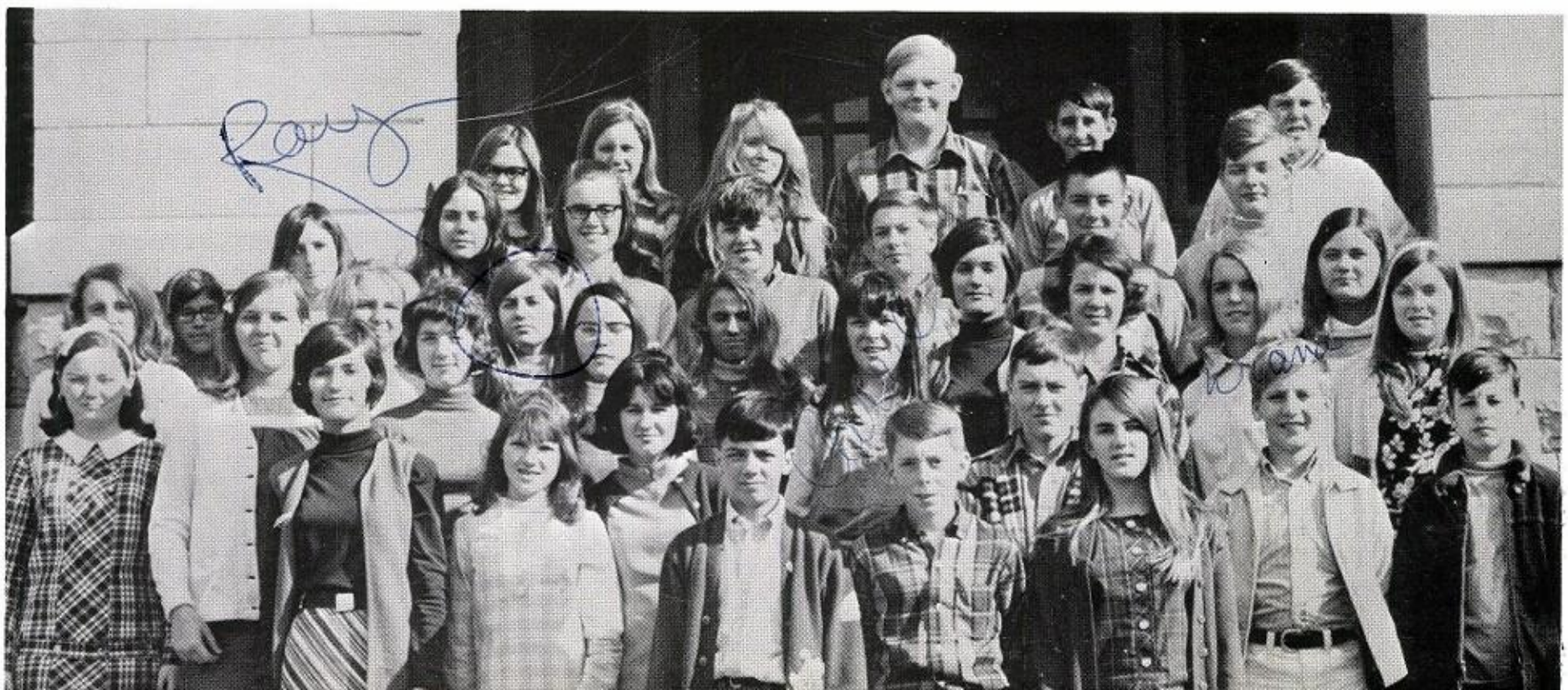
Long, Carolyn
Long, Dannie
Lovall, Carl
Loyd, Debra
Loyd, Lynn
Mann, George

Mann, Jessie
Marion, Marsha
Mattingly, Darrell
McDaniel, Ricky
McFadden, Sandra
Meason, Charles

Ming, Laura
Miller, Lynn
Moon, Ricky
Moore, Grayson
Moore, Judy
Moore, Larry

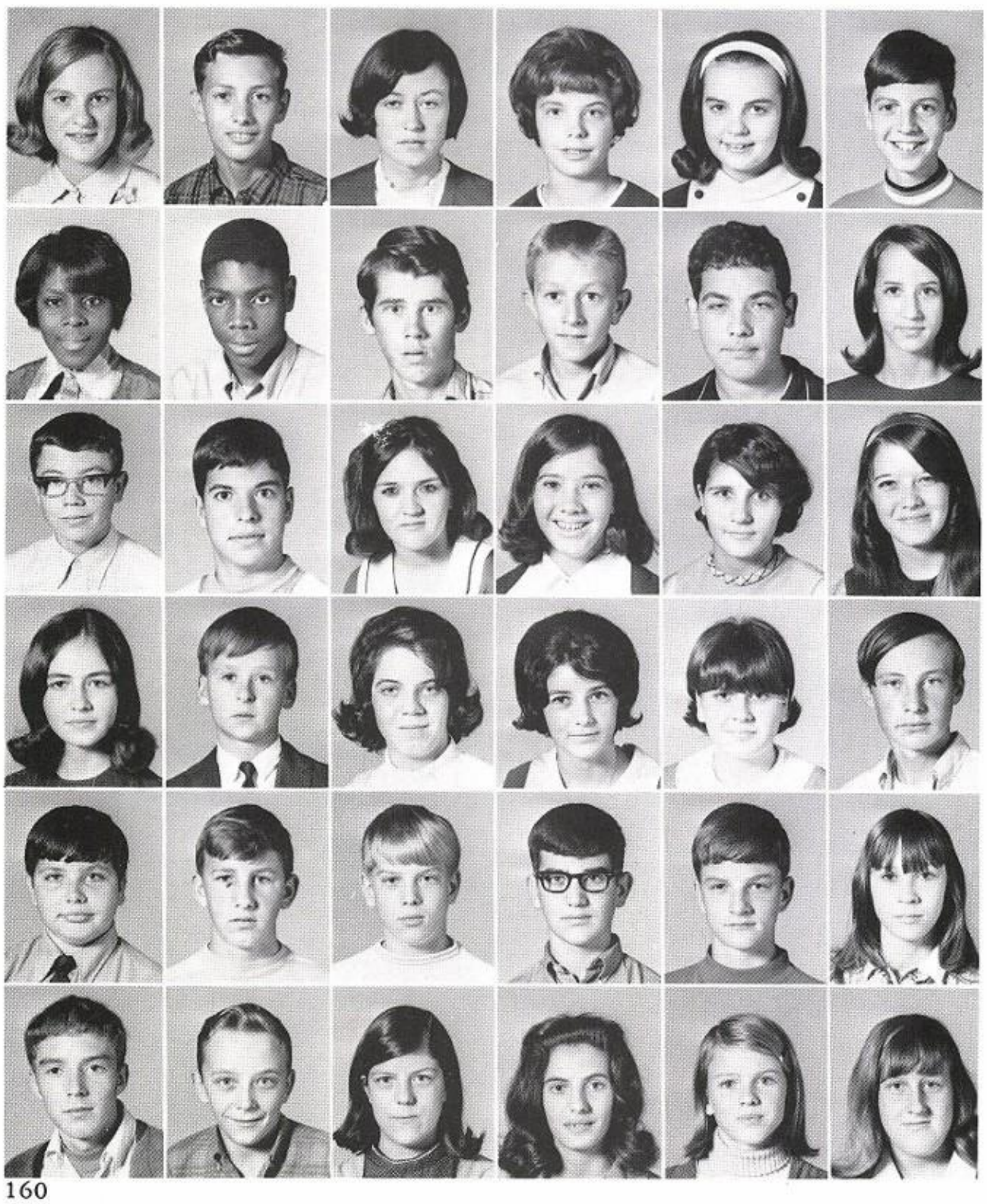
Myers, Sharon
Nash, Paula
Neidecker, Connie
Newton, Carl
Newton, Sheryl
Nichols, Lynn

SCIENCE CLUB: Row 1: Ralph Hughes, Phillip Wade, Page Partin. Row 2: Jane Hopkins, Dotty House, Rebecca Hill, Bob Sparkman, Rodney Hogan, Alan Smith. Row 3: Judy Ward, Rebecca Schnille, Connie Woodruff, Karen Moon, Phyllis Cook, Carrie Brasuell, Jean Hopkins, Kim Bennett, Diana Richmond, Lucy Barclay, Dynatha Berry. Row 4: Elaine Green, Sandra McFadden, Mary Ray. Row 5: Sue Parks, Susan Warren, Razona Nulioch, Donald Boster, Bruce Reed, C. W. Coble, Mark Brookhart. Row 6: Susan Smith, Janet Graham, Nancy Russell, Mark Pichart, Tommy Drake, David Hopkins.



LIBRARIANS: Row 1: Ricky Green, Ricky Parks, Bobby Clotfelter, Bunny Heiss, Mary Bell, Dynatha Berry, Kim Parks, Debra Richardson, Selma Fergason. Row 2: Steve Caviness, Billy Garrett, Hope Symonds, Lee Ann Gramlick, Diana Boster, Janice Bodine, Paula Owens. Row 3: Terri Sirmon, Rebecca Hyatt, Patti Crawford, Brenda Buchalla, Maxine Crabtree, Vicky Cameron, Suzie Beckham. Row 4: Mary Sue Tugg, Terry Williams, Ricky Teague, Mike Suggs, Herbert Schuster, Betsy Jerden, Ann Cline, Cathy Blount. Row 5: Sharon Crawford, Kathleen Simpson, Terry Lovegrove, John England, John Jerden, Forest Willis, Kerry Dodson. Row 6: Paula Nash, Diane Hudson, Glenda Scott, Carolyn Bently, Jeanne Cumpton, Janet Rogers.

Upperclassmen Show Way to Excellence



NINTH GRADE

Nichols, Nancy
O'Kelly, Randy
Oliver, Patricia
Owens, Paula
Patterson, Cheryl
Peer, Glen

Perry, Norma
Perry, Phil
Perryman, Richard
Peters, Curtis
Priest, Murray
Pursell, Sharon

Ray, Bruce
Rayburn, Robert
Reed, Geraldine
Reed, Lynn
Reed, Joyce
Reese, Lawanda

Remler, Carolyn
Rice, Joe
Richardson, Debra
Richesin, Diane
Richmond, Becky
Richmond, Terry

Riddle, Jimmy
Riley, Gary
Rogers, Paul
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Schuster, Herbert
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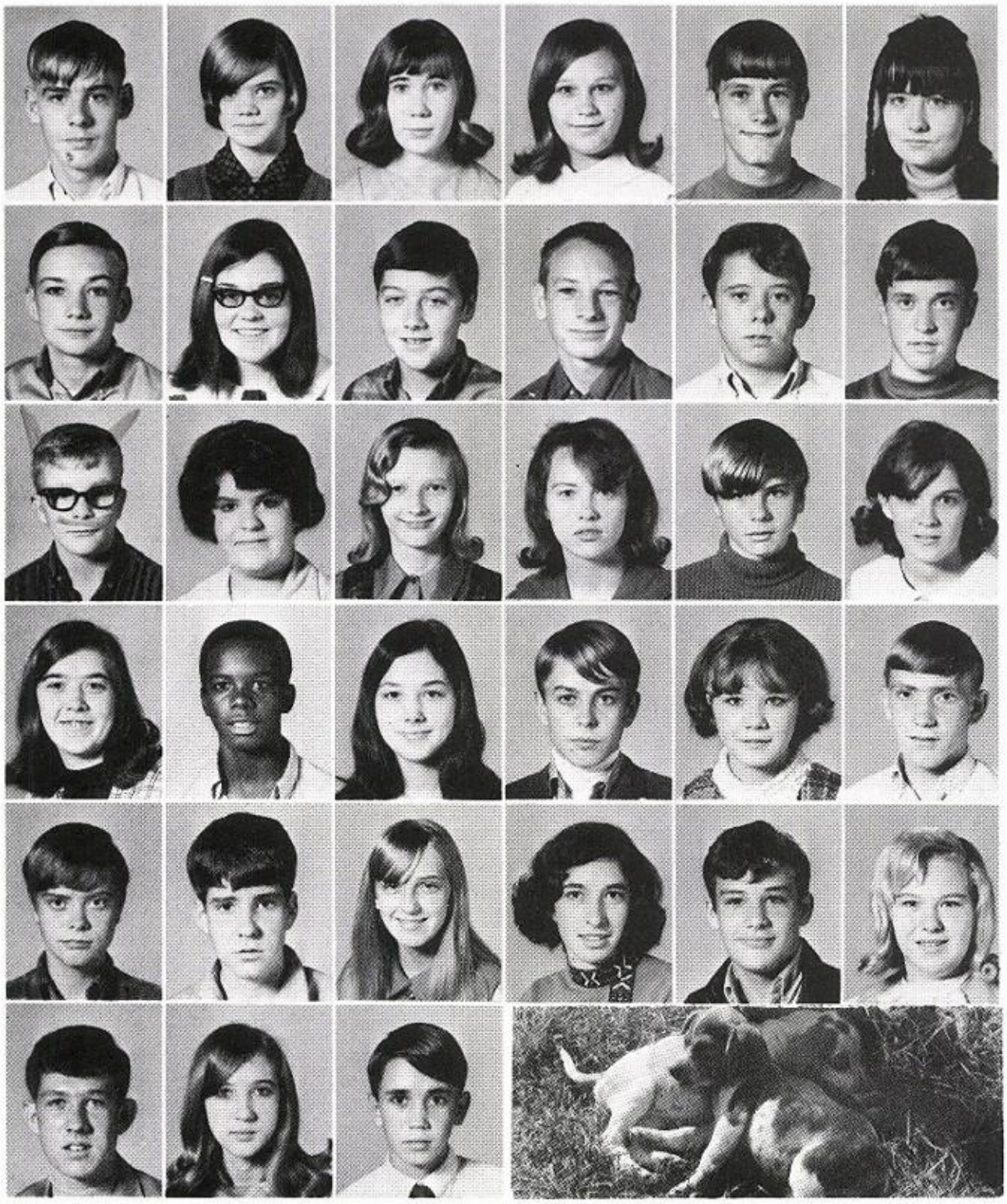
Scott, Theresa
Shores, Karen



NINTH GRADE

Sills, Donnie
Simpson, Marilyn
Smith, Betty
Smith, Cheryl
Smith, David
Smith, Jeannie

Smith, Randy
Smith, Susan
Sparkman, Robert
Spence, Jesse
Steed, Harold
Stocklon, Larry

Suggs, Mike
Swearingen, Libby
Syrock, Sherry
Taylor, Janice
Taylor, Phillip
Tiffin, Janice

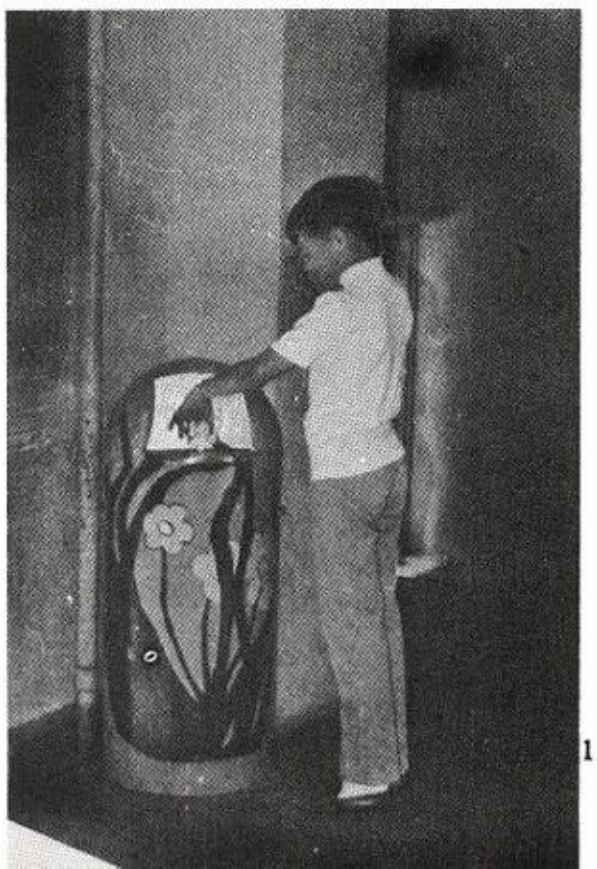
Townsend, Mary
Travis, Milo
Tudor, Gloria
Turner, Wesley
Walker, Debra
Watkins, Ronnie

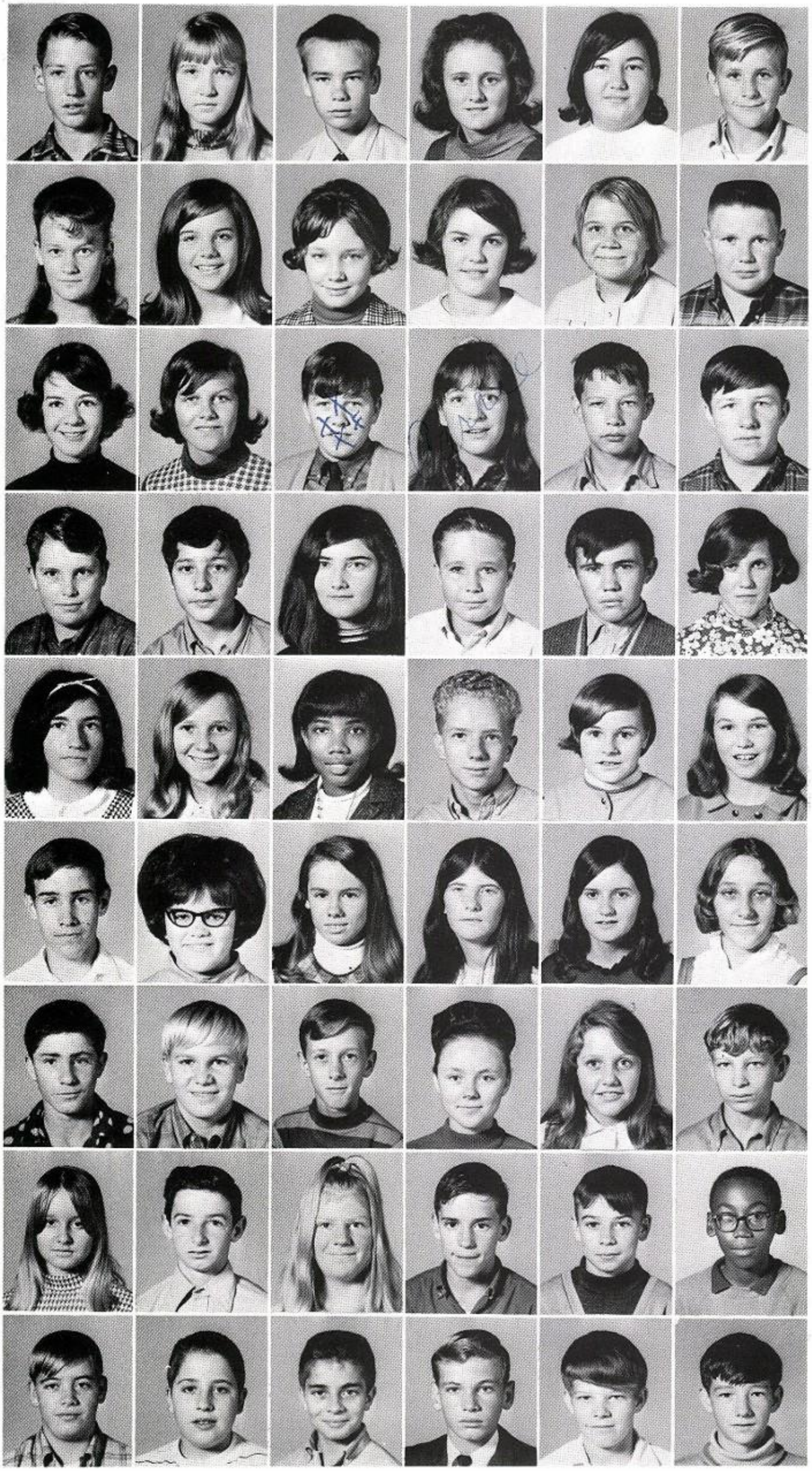
Welch, Douglas
Wells, David
Wever, Debbie
Willhoite, Paula
Williams, Gene
Williams, Judy

Williams, Ricky
Wornkey, Linda
Woods, Steve

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS, Lynn Miller, Nancy Hubbell, and Teresa Latta take advan of the pay phone at Junior High.

RALPH HUGHES demonstrates good citizenship as he puts his paper in the trash can.





EIGHTH GRADE

Aldridge, Randy
Alexander, Diana
Allison, Presley
Andrew, Pam
Ashlock, Patti
Ball, Jack

Barber, Margie
Basham, Carol
Beckham, Suzie
Bell, Margaret
Bell, Mary
Belt, Darrell

Bennett, Kim
Blount, Cathy
Boster, Donald
Brasuell, Carrie
Brasuell, Johnnie
Breden, Karry

Bredrick, Mike
Brewer, Kenneth
Bromley, Gloria
Brown, Dennie
Brown, Ronnie
Bryant, Teresa

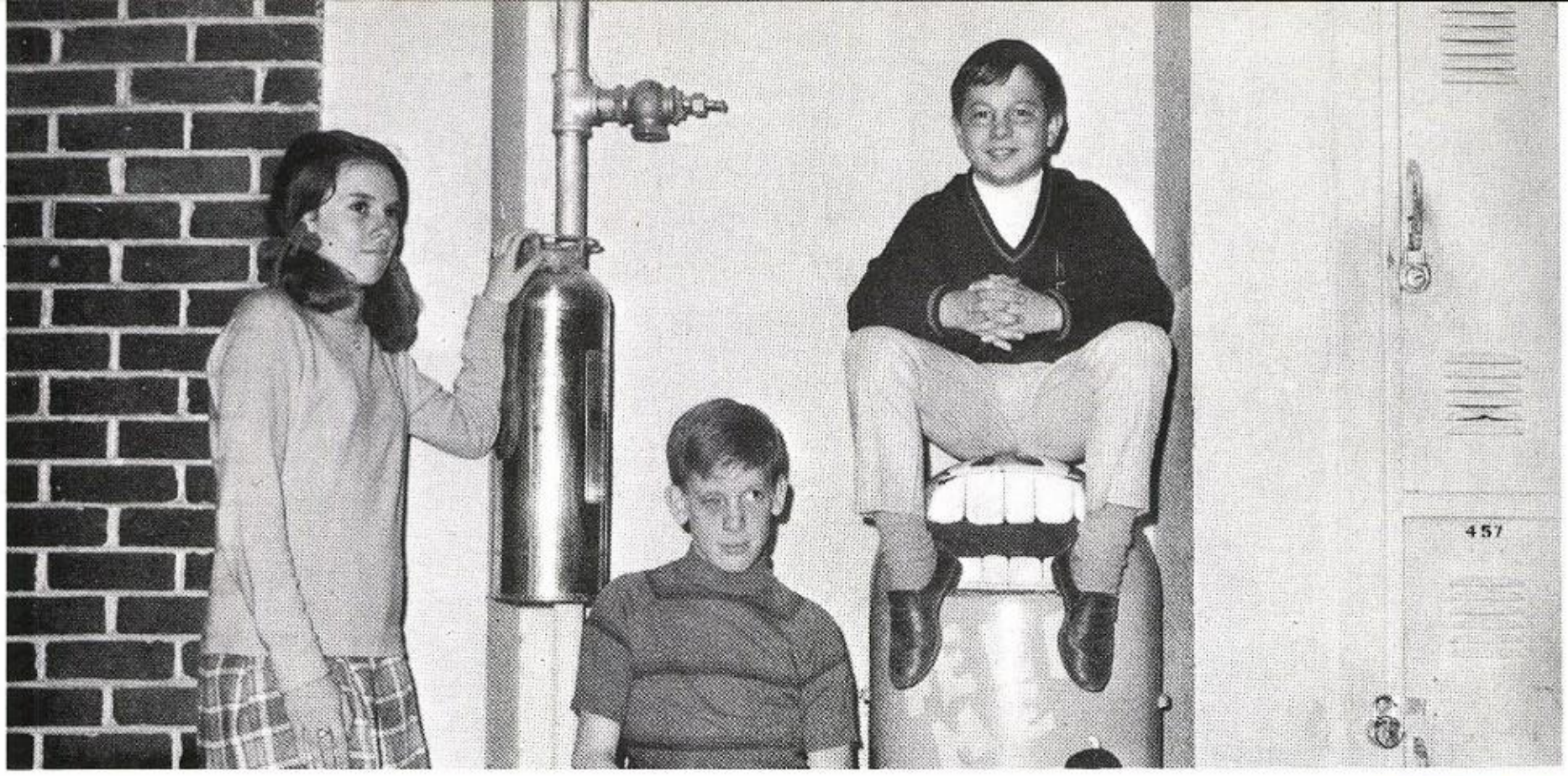
Calos, Louise
Cameron, Vickie
Carey, Loretta
Casuall, Gary
Cathey, Patty
Check, Cathey

Clotfelter, William
Clyma, Terry
Cook, Phyllis
Cook, Ruby
Coomer, La Donna
Cotton, Patty

Cowan, Charles
Crabtree, Steven
Cushman, Mark
Dodson, Nora
Drum, Vera
Dye, Charles

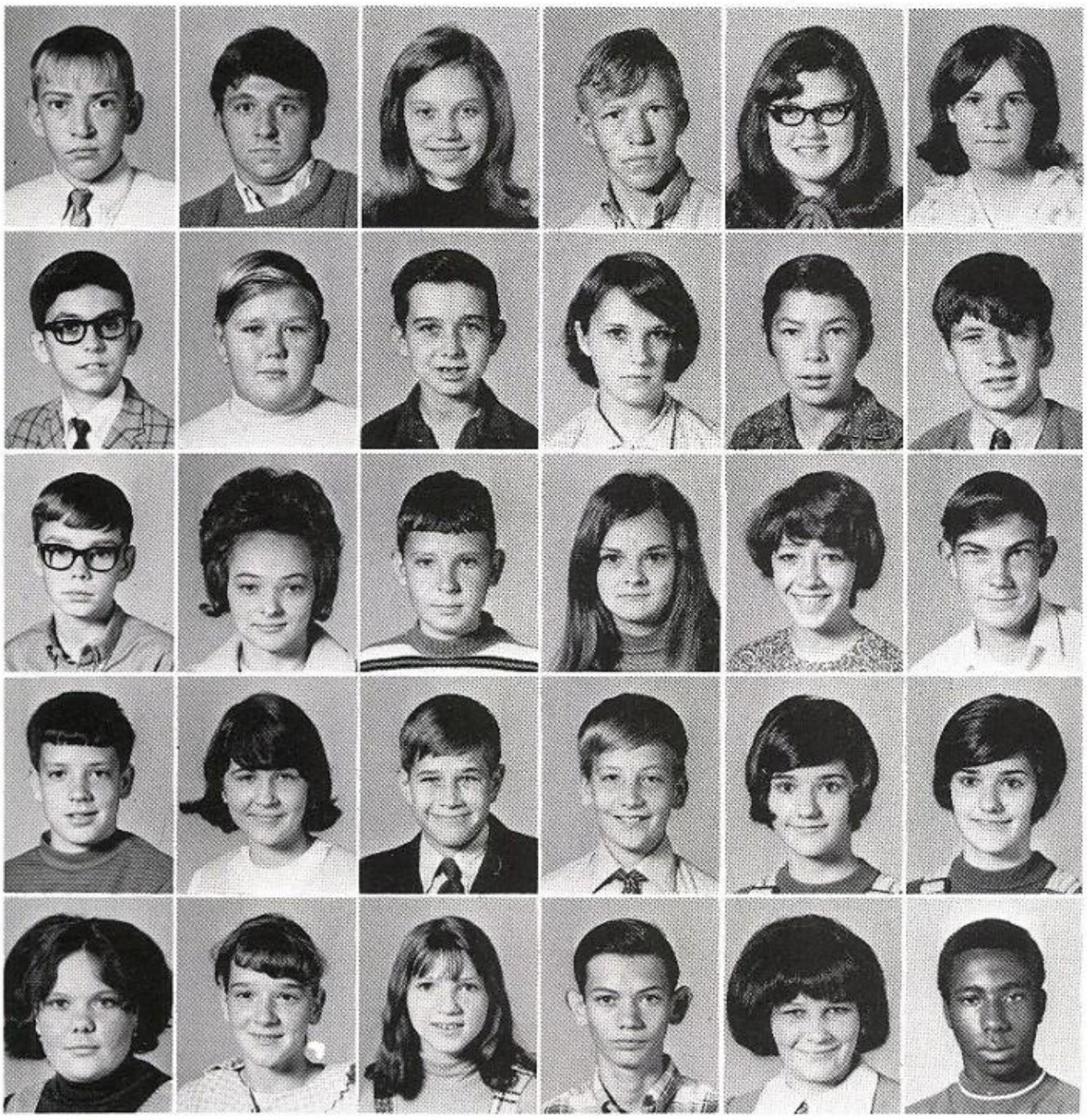
Dye, Patricia
Edgar, Tommy
Edwards, Stella
Edwards, Tommy
England, John
Fields, Allan

Flanagan, Presley
Flippin, Douglas
Flores, Carl
Folliott, Willie
Gartrell, Paul
Gilstrap, Richard



EXEMPLIFYING ORIGINALITY in its natural form are eighth grade officers. They are left to right: Phyllis Cook, Mark Manuel, and Ken Poague.

246 Eighth Graders Strive for Goals



EIGHTH GRADE

Goodwin, Billy
Gorby, Leon
Graham, Janet
Graves, Charles
Green, Connie
Green, Debbie

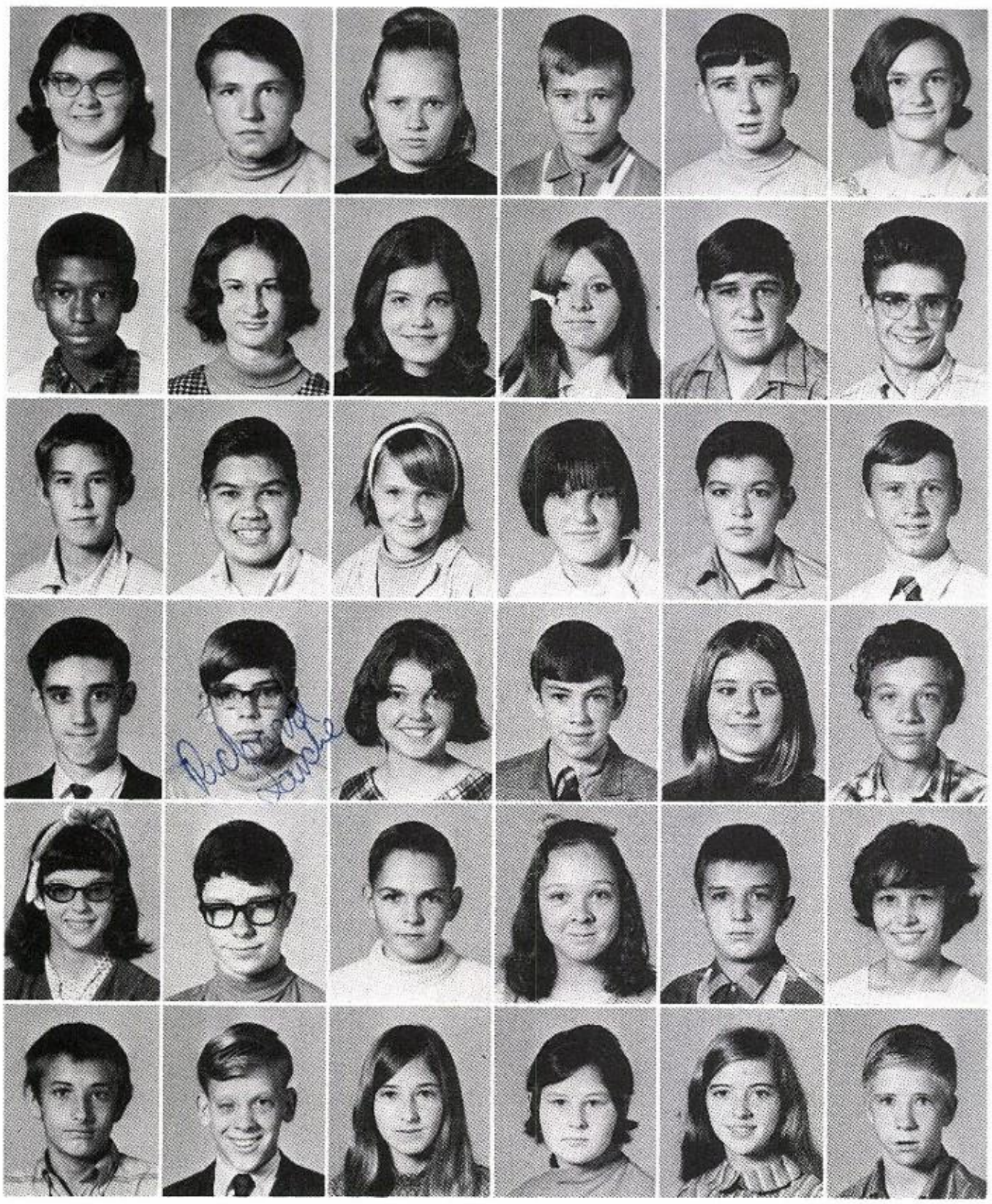
Green, Ricky
Gregory, Larry
Gryner, William
Hacker, Holly
Hallman, Darrell
Halmark, Larry

Hancock, Larry
Harp, Barbara
Harris, Phil
Hays, Patty
Hemphill, Debbie
Henson, Lee

Hickey, Patrick
Hill, Rebecca
Hlass, Bob
Hogan, Rodney
Hopkins, Jane
Hopkins, Jean

Hopkins, Silvia
Horten, Darline
House, Dotty
Huff, Dennis
Huffstetler, Charlotte
Hughs, John

Eighth Grade Sponsors Many Activities



EIGHTH GRADE

Jacobs, Mary
Jacobs, Ronald
Jerden, Betsy
Jerden, John
Jeremiah, Mark
Jetton, Vickie

Johnson, Gregory
Jones, Alphea
Jones, Becky
Jones, Donna
Jones, Gerald
Jones, Harry

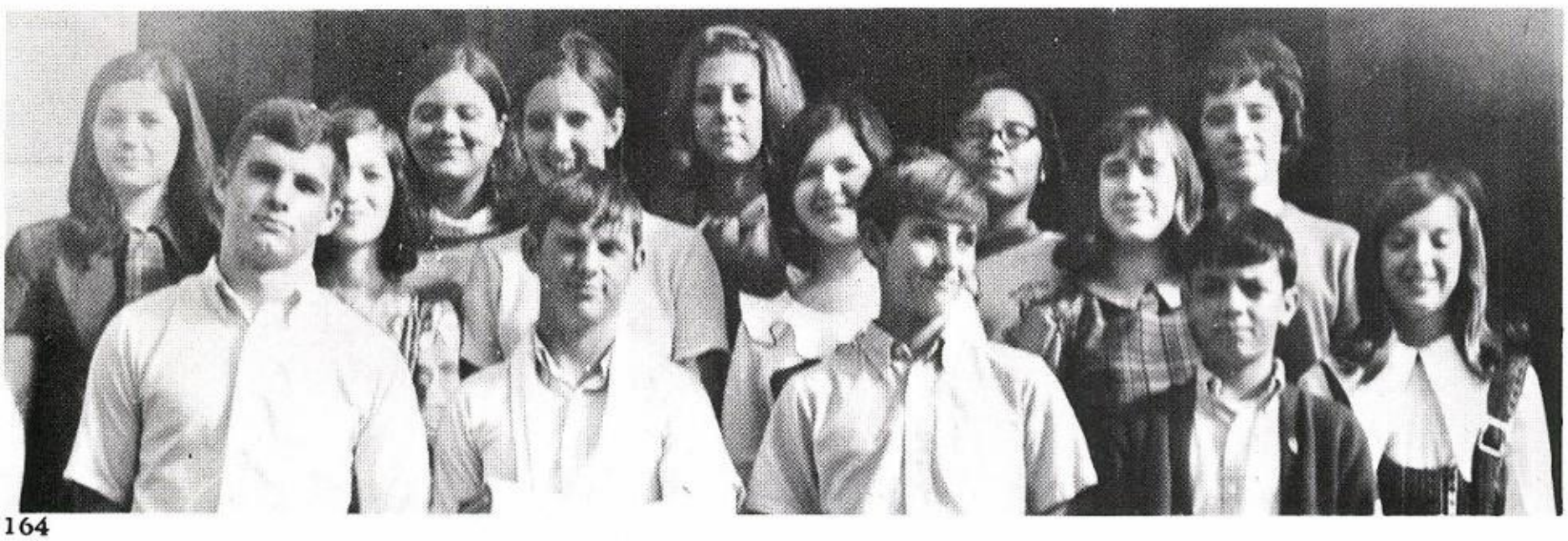
Jones, Rickey L.
Jones, Ricky E.
Jones, Vivian
Key, Janet
King, Tony
Kinsey, Hugh

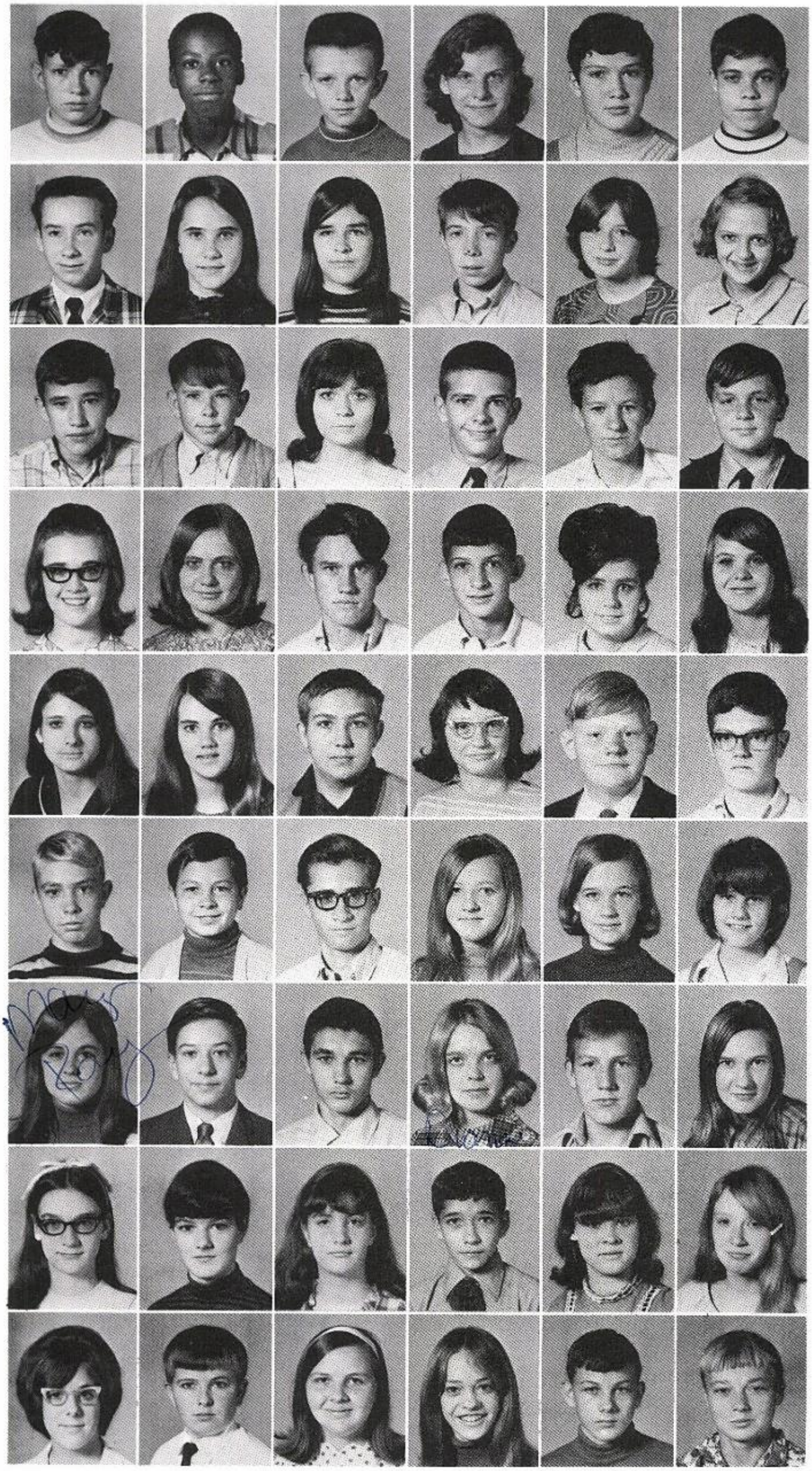
Lacy, Terry
Laiche, Richard
Langley, Beverly
Langston, Chris
La Rue, Sandy
Lee, Ernest

Lewis, Ethel
Limberg, Danny
Lovegrove, Terry
Lovett, Joan
Loyd, Paul
Mann, Bobbie

Mann, Earl
Manuel, Mark
Martindale, Robin
Matingly, Melba
Matlock, Melissa
McClelland, Joe

OFFICE STAFF: ROW 1: Mark Hatfield, Jeff Brooks, Randy Fears, Row 2: Gloria Tudor, Judy Moore, Dean Bertram, Sally Huckably, Betty Smith, Sherry Beckham. Row 3: Lucy Barclay, Debra Loyd, Linda Estaban, Debbie Johnson.





EIGHTH GRADE

McDowell, Carl
McKinney, Danny
McMurray, Tommy
Meason, Debbie
Miller, Randy
Mitchell, Mike

Mitchell, Wayne
Moon, Karen
Moon, Karen
Moore, Curtis
Moore, Debra
Moore, Molly

Moore, Paul
Morrison, Michael
Neal, Molly
Neidecker, Bruce
Nelson, Benny
Nichols, Roy

Nulisch, Ragana
Nunley, Carla
Nunley, Odell
Osborn, Phillip
Parks, Janice
Parks, Kim

Parks, Sue
Partaine, Page
Pemberton, Dewayne
Phillips, Sophia
Pickarts, Mark
Pickle, Charles

Pinkerton, Bobby
Poague, Kenneth
Powell, Ricky
Quinnette, Ginger
Rainwater, Lou Ann
Rankin, Cathey

Ray, Mary
Reed, Bruce
Reed, Danny
Richmond, Diana
Riley, Ray
Ritchie, Glenda

Rowe, Anita
Rowe, Patricia
Rowland, Ruth
Russell, Bobby
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Safley, Gaya
Sanders, Johnny
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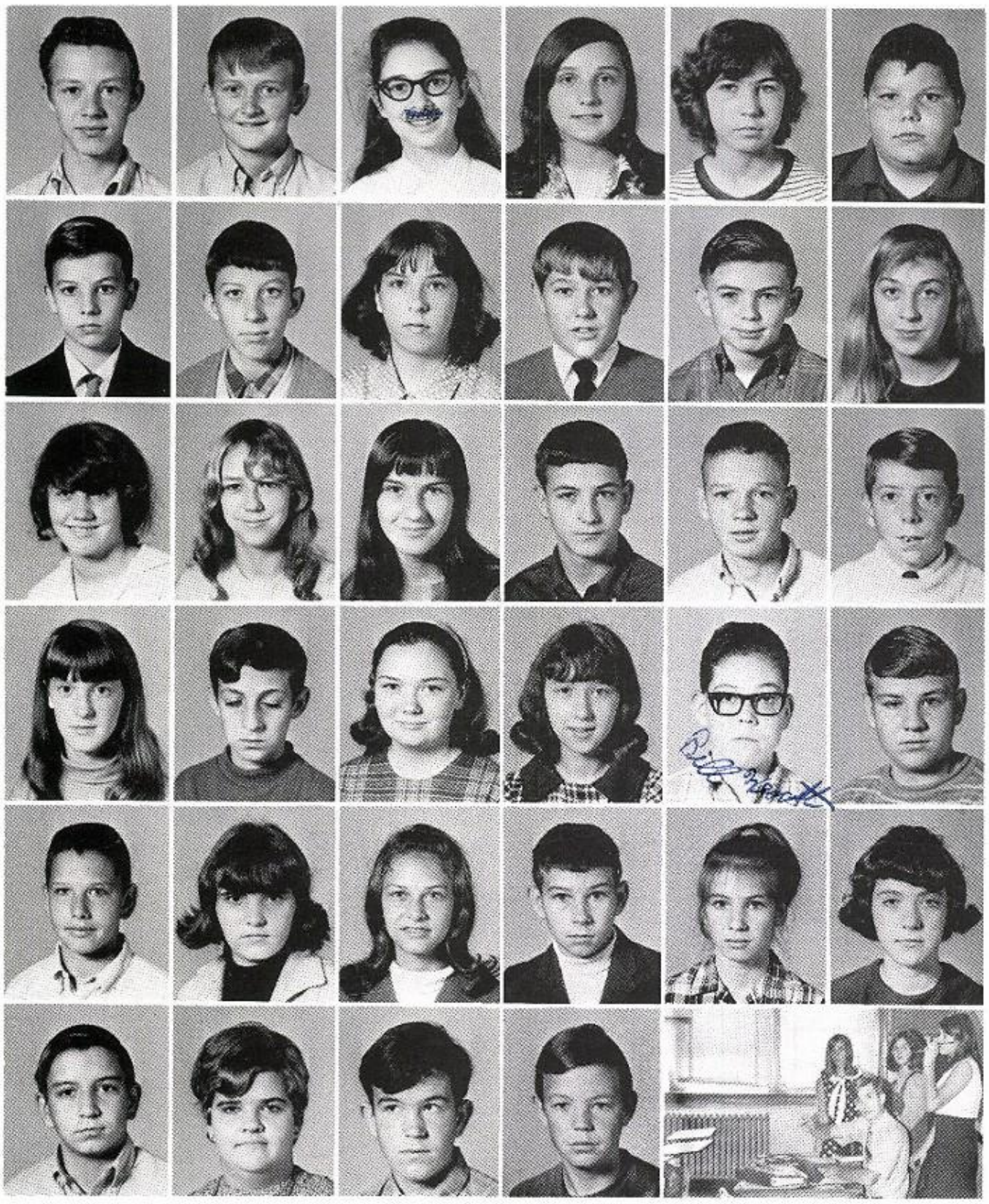
Servold, Sheryl
Shaw, Rodney
Shearburn, Glenn



EIGHTH GRADE

Shelly, Andy
Simmons, Ricky
Simpson, Cathleen
Sindle, Latuisha
Slusher, Ellen
Small, Todd

Smith, James
Spears, Billy
Stedman, Becky
Stringer, Denton
Swaim, Larry
Tankersley, Pam

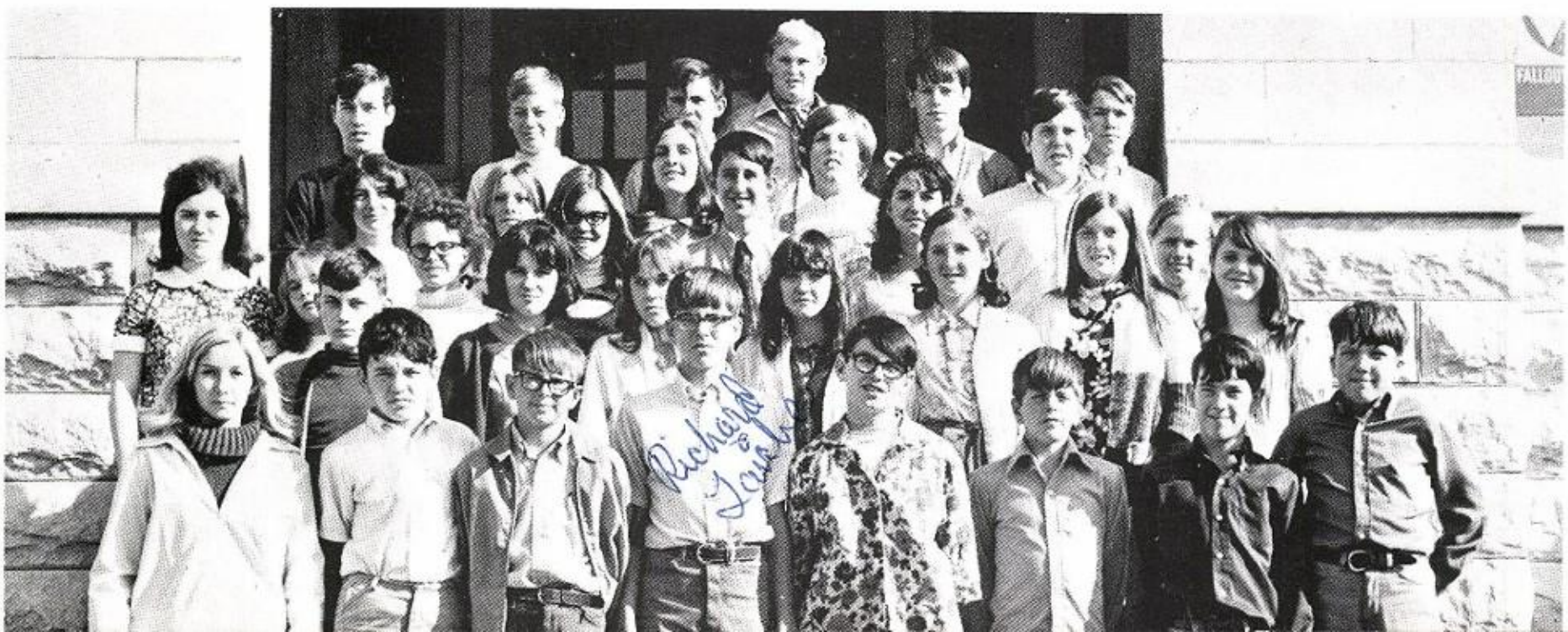
Taylor, JoAnn
Thorman, Debbie
Tindell, JoAnn
Tuck, Bobby
Turner, Kenneth
Wade, Phillip

Walker, Sherri
Wallace, Dennis
Ward, Judy
Wells, Brenda
Wescott, Bill
White, Johnnie

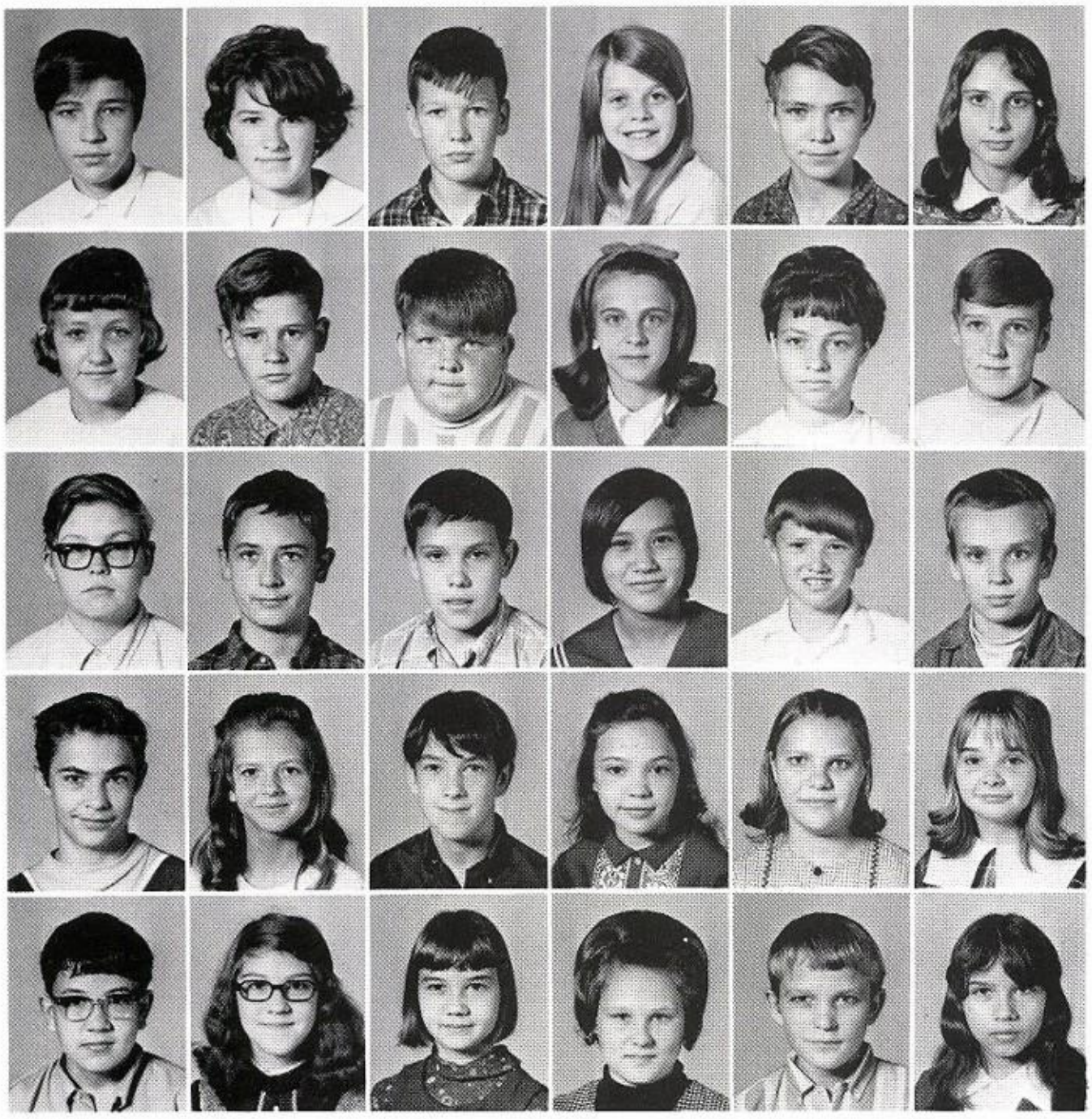
Whited, Richard
Wilburn, Rose
Wiley, Brenda
Wiley, Jimmy
Willis, Aleathea
Woodruff, Connie

Young, James
Young, Kay
Young, Ronnie
Young, Troy

CHOCOLATE TRAIN Art Club: Row 1: Pat Huff, Billy Garret, Mike Morrison, Richard Laiche, Gary Wing, Russell Brasuell, Charle O'Kelly. Row 2: Rodney Shaw, Becky Hill, Karen Russell, Christine Crowder, Maxine Crabtree, Dynatha Berry, Debbie King. Row 3: Kathy Brooks, Dee Vee Wood, Susan Smith, Tommy Drake, Carolyn Love, Betsy Jerden. Row 4: Debbie King, Diana Richesin, Donna Jones, Debbie Harshbarger, Gage Berntsenm, David Hopkins. Row 5: Marlin Brown, Jimmy Brewer, Ronnie Brown, Gary Bell, David Darland, Jimmy Armer.



7th Grade Boasts Largest Class - - 283



SEVENTH GRADE

Adams, John
Adams, Sherry
Aldridge, David
Anderson, Linda
Armer, Jimmy
Asher, Joanne

Ball, Debbie
Barber, Donald
Bass, Jim
Becham, Romona
Bentley, Carolyn
Bertram, Steven

Bland, Larry
Blount, Kenneth
Boen, Jackie
Bolin, Leneta
Bowlin, Danny
Brammer, Terry

Brasuell, Donald
Brasuell, Pachilla
Brasuell, Russell
Breeden, Deborah
Breeder, Sheila
Brooks, Kathy

Brown, George
Brown, Kathy
Bruns, Carla
Buchalla, Brenda
Burkett, Donald
Calos, Betty

PARTNERS IN CHRIST: Row 1: Sandra McFadden, George Mann, Gloria Tudor, Sharon Myers, Susie Beckham,Deborah Richardson.Row 2:Pam Tankersly, Mary Hill, Mary Mann, Anita Dunn, Sue Parks, Lawanda Reeves, Elizabeth Dunn, Larry Moore, Presley Allison. Row 3: Gaulia McFadden, Melony Czarnikow, Vickie Schultz, Cherl Patterson, Dianne Boster, Mary Touzen, Debra Walker, Herbert Schuster, Brenda Buchalla. Row 4: Ricky Teague, Randy O'Kelly, Razona Nuliscld, Debbie King, Connie Woodruff, Terry Clyma. Diane Rickardson, Dynatha Berry. Row 5: Ramona Beckham, Betty Tounzen, Lynn Nichols, Nancy Nickell, Marsha Marion, Debbie Parker, Becky Richmond. Row 6: Larry Hallmark, Lucy Barclay, Sharon Crawford.

SEVENTH GRADE

Campell, Maxine
Caviness, Steve
Clemons, Charles
Clotfelter, Robert
Clyma, Nancy
Cockrum, Sherry

Coleman, Karen
Coleman, Lynn
Considine, Kelley
Cook, Debbie
Corbell, G. W.
Corbell, Stanly

Cotton, Debbie
Cox, Diane
Cox, Johnny
Crabtree, Anita
Crabtree, David
Crabtree, Jerry

Crawford, Patti
Cumpton, Jeanne
Czarnikow, Melony
Darrow, Kenith
Daugherty, Ricky
Davis, Debbie

Davis, Max
Davis, Rhonda
Deffenbaugh, Patty
Dickens, Ricky
Dipboye, David
Dodson, Rhonda

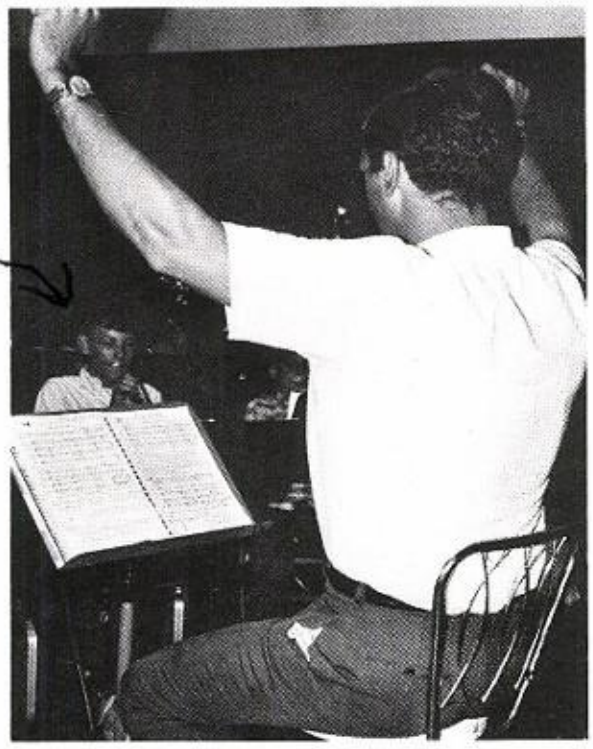
Don, Jeanette
Dotson, Ricky
Dye, Ben
Dye, Buddy
Earp, Telea
Edds, Steven

Edwards, Everett
Edwards, Harris
Edwards, Sandra
Elkins, Timothy
Fagan, John
Faldon, Dwight

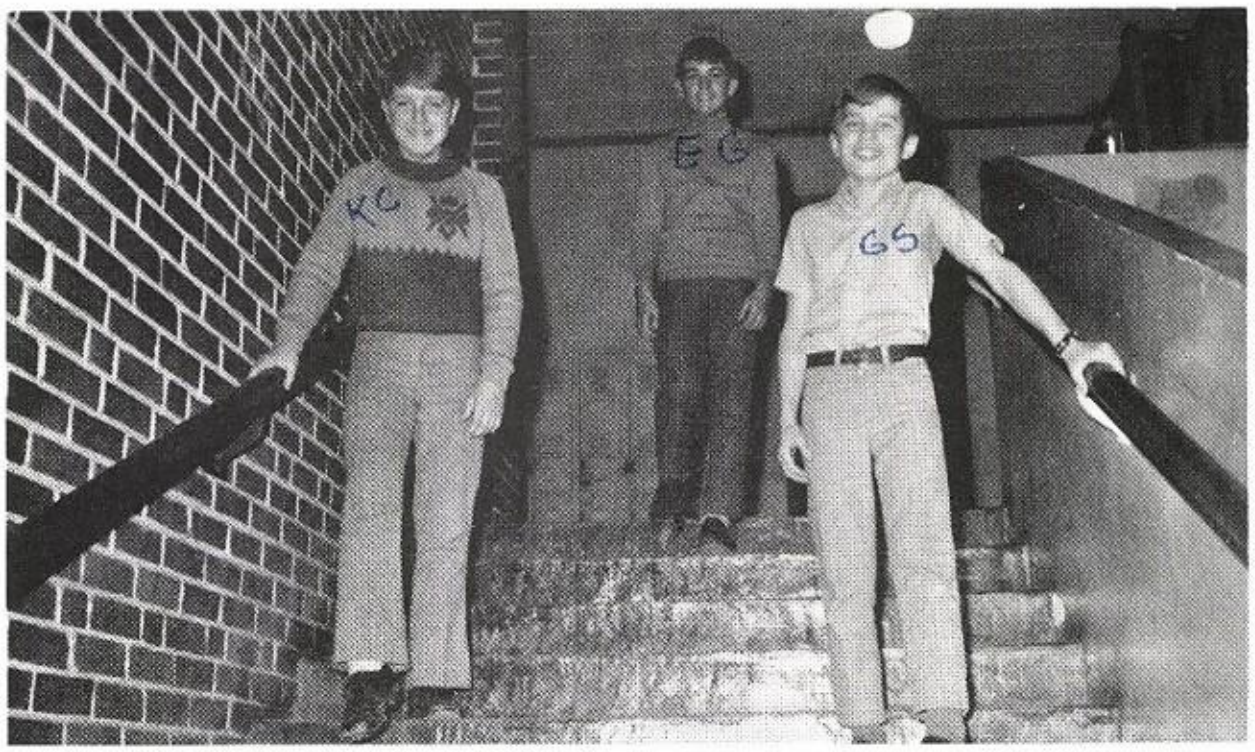
Farrar, Paula
Ferguson, Selma
Fields, Allen
Fisher, Eddie
Fite, Debbie
Flippen, Vickie

Forehand, Debra
Fowler, Kathy
Francis, Brad
Franklin, Ricky
Fusher, George
Gardner, Dewayne

Rodney Shaw

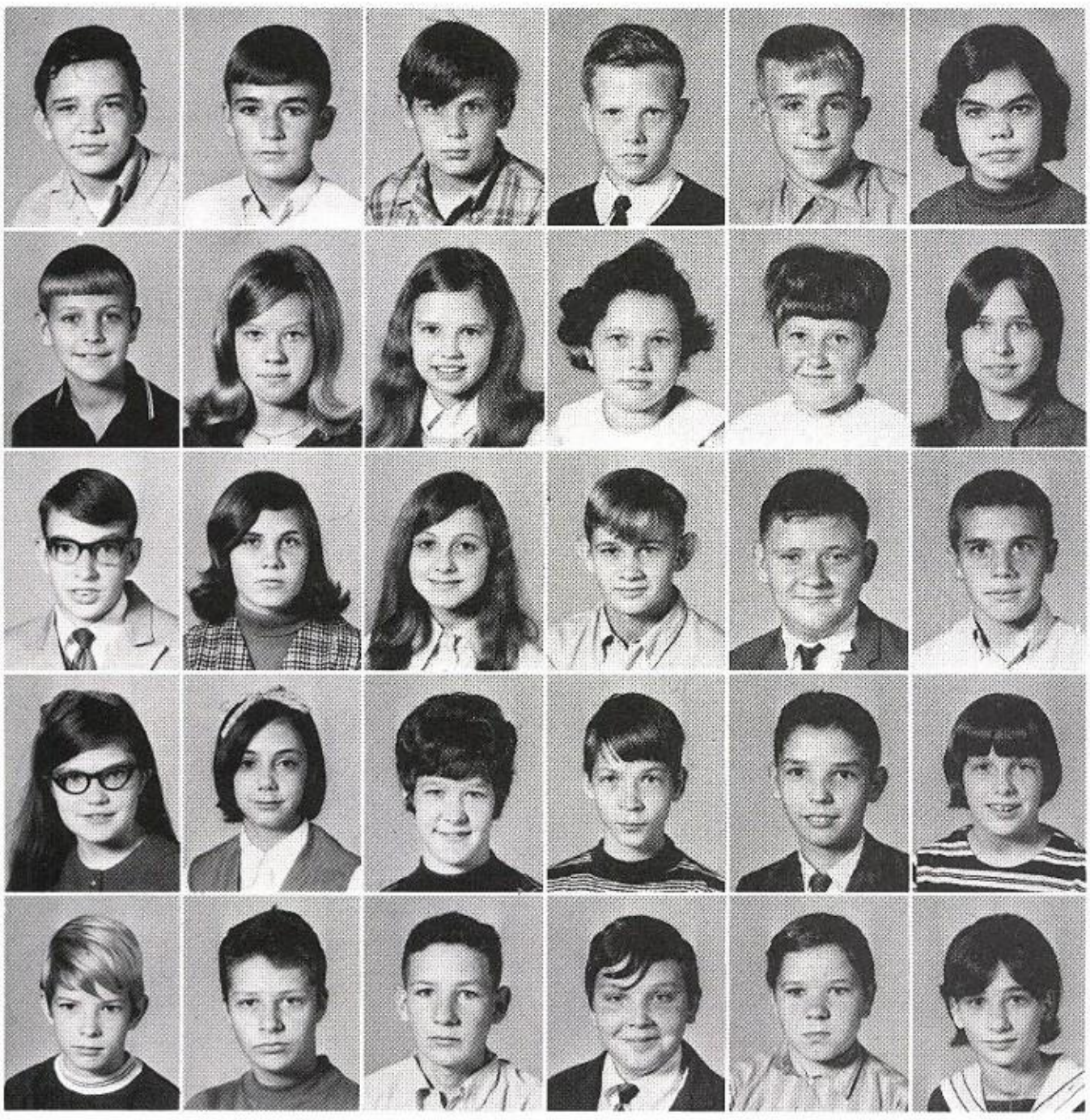


WITH ARMS RAISED to position, Mr. John Winkelmann pauses an instant before beginning band rehearsal.



A COMBINATION OF enthusiasm and leadership helped these seventh grade officers achieve a successful year. Left to right: Kelly Considine, Eddie Gatlin, and Gary Servold.

First-Year Students Savor Junior High Life



SEVENTH GRADE

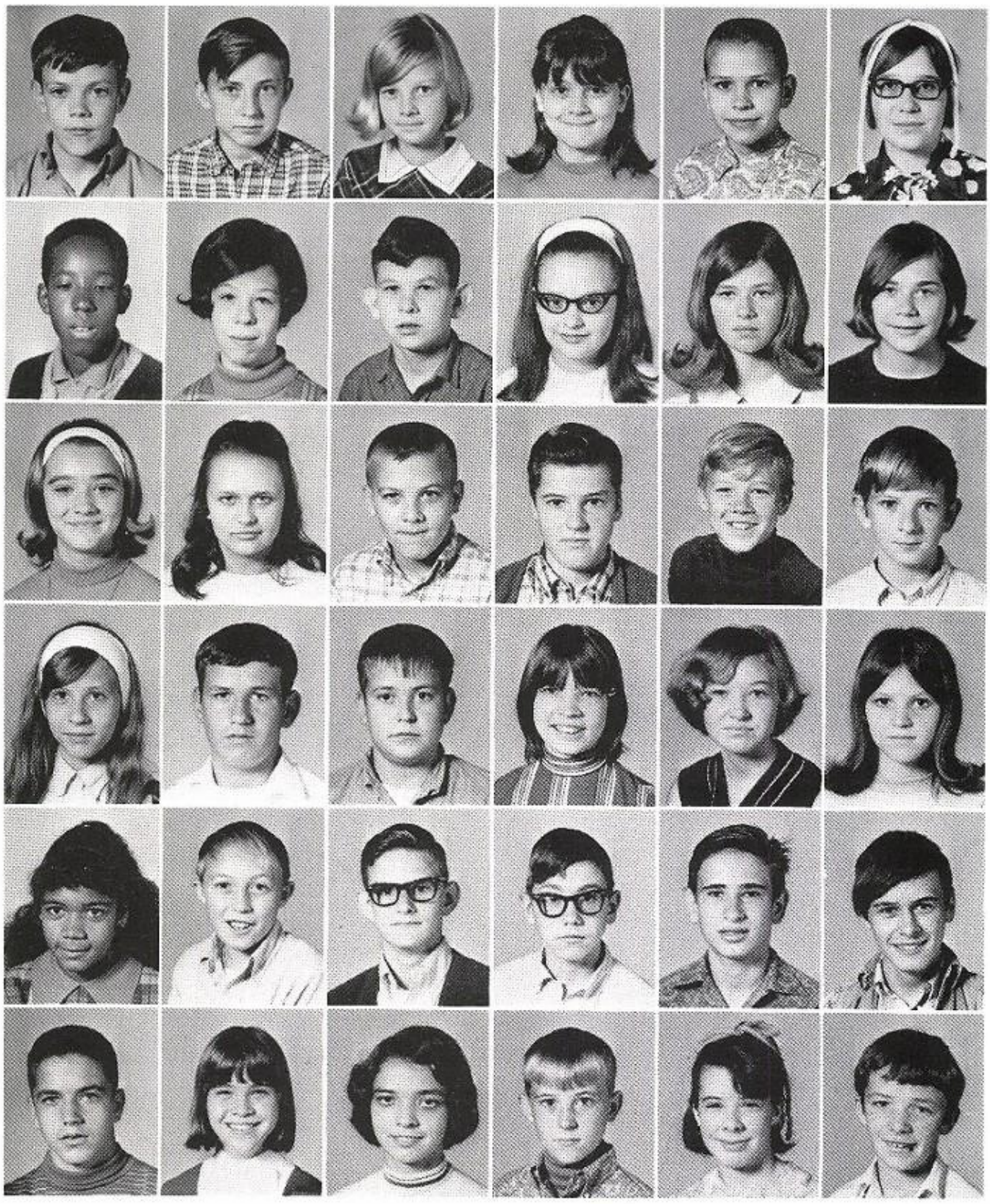
Garrett, Billy
Gatlin, Eddie
Gerrard, David
Gibson, Allen
Gibson, Jimmy
Glass, Diana

Glass, Larry
Goins, Sheila
Gramlich, Lee Ann
Green, Julia
Gregory, Atta
Gregory, Sandra

Griffis, Dalton
Hagler, Susan
Hammontree, Danita
Harris, Charlie
Harris, Dennis
Hatfield, Steve

Hayden, Sharon
Heiss, Bunny
Hess, Jeanne
Hill, Tim
Hodapp, Keith
Hoffman, Debby

Holmes, George
Honneycutt, Owen
Hooton, Jack
Hopkins, Jesse
Hopkins, Norman
Horton, Diana



SEVENTH GRADE

Horton, Larry
House, Steve
Howard, Gail
Hudson, Carolyn
Hudson, Terry
Huffstetler, Patricia

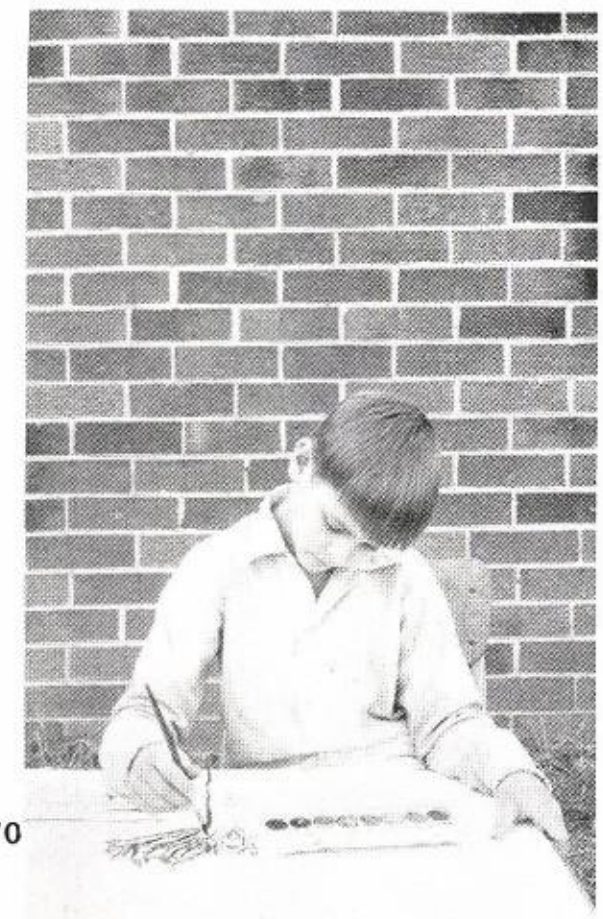
Hughs, James
Hughs, Nona
Hunter, Lanny
Hunter, Rhonda
Hyatt, Rebecca
Innman, Reba

Jackson, Karen
Jackson, Rhonda
Johnston, David
Johnston, Jimmy
Johnson, Kent
Johnson, Wade

Kath, Cynthia
Kelly, Franke
Kelly, Kenneth
Kenny, Diane
Key, Angela
Key, Paula

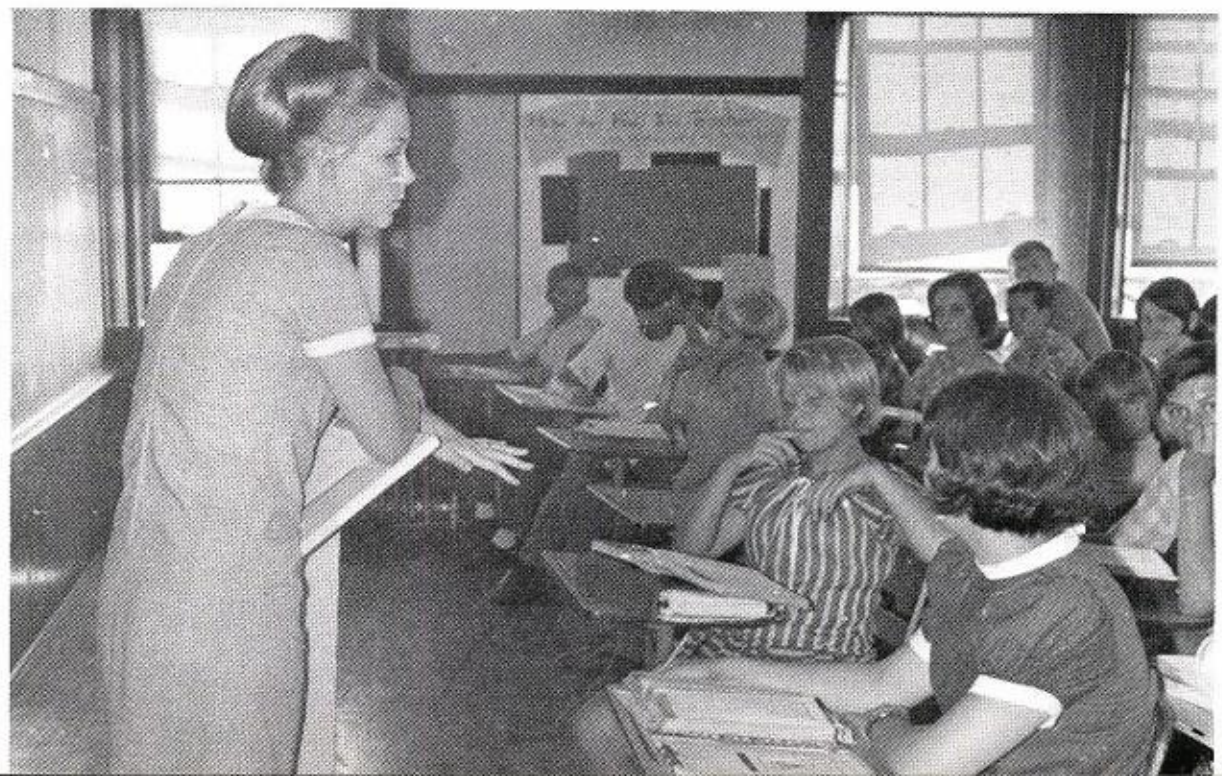
Knight, Joanne
Landers, Tim
Laws, John
Lightfoot, Tommy
Lingo, Robert
Long, Gary

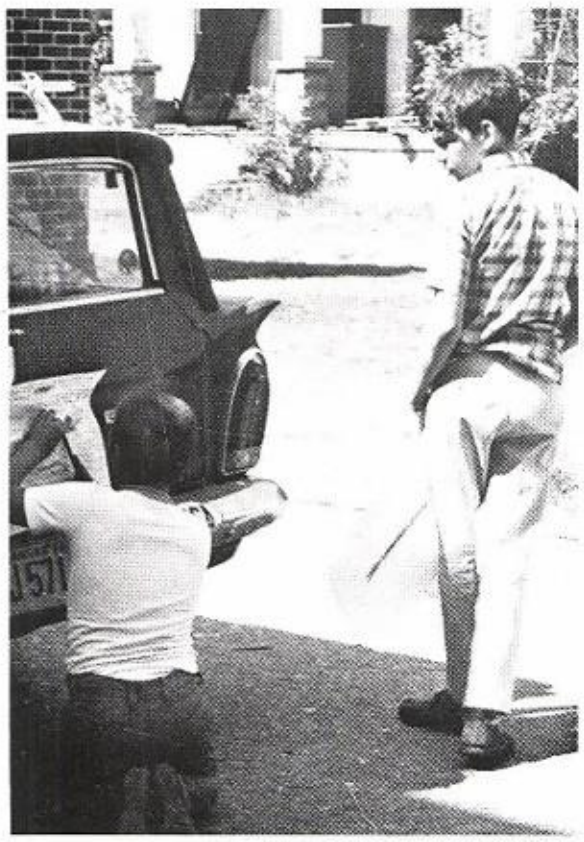
Love, David
Lovett, Stephanie
Loyld, Cynthia
Loyd, Randy
Mann, Mary
Mann, Tommy



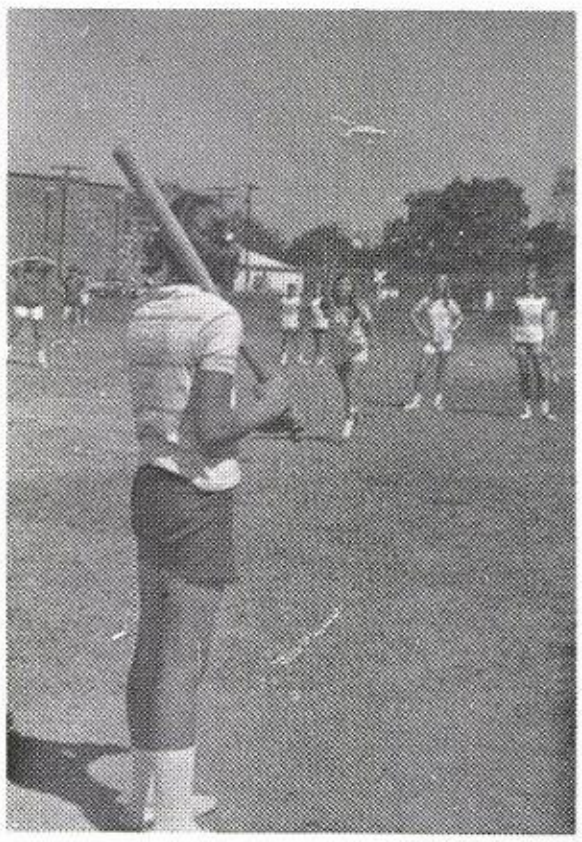
LEFT: DISPLAYING ARTISTIC ABILITY in first year art class, seventh grader Larry Glass, paints a vivid scene.

STUDENTS FOCUS THEIR attention on Mrs. Linda Schriver as she attempts to explain the fundamentals of the English language.

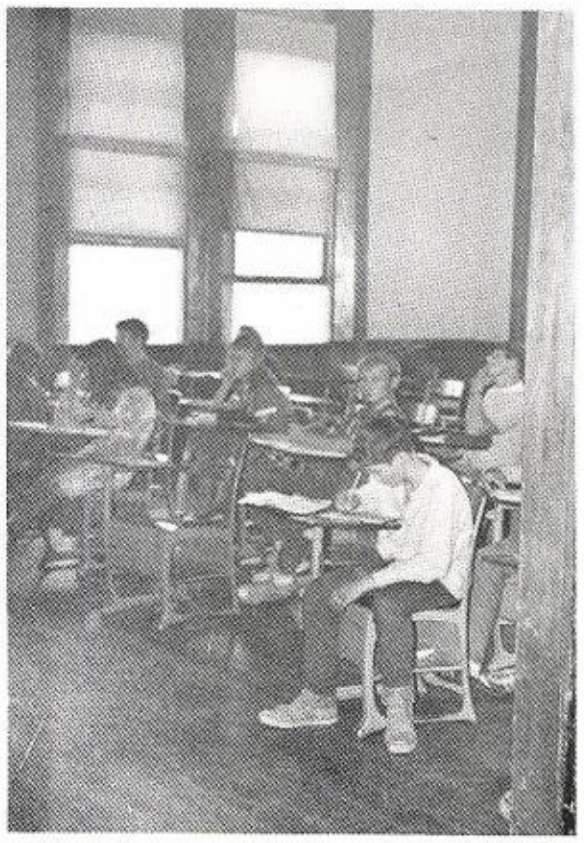




DAVID JOHNSTON left and Billy Garrett right find art attracts their undivided attention.

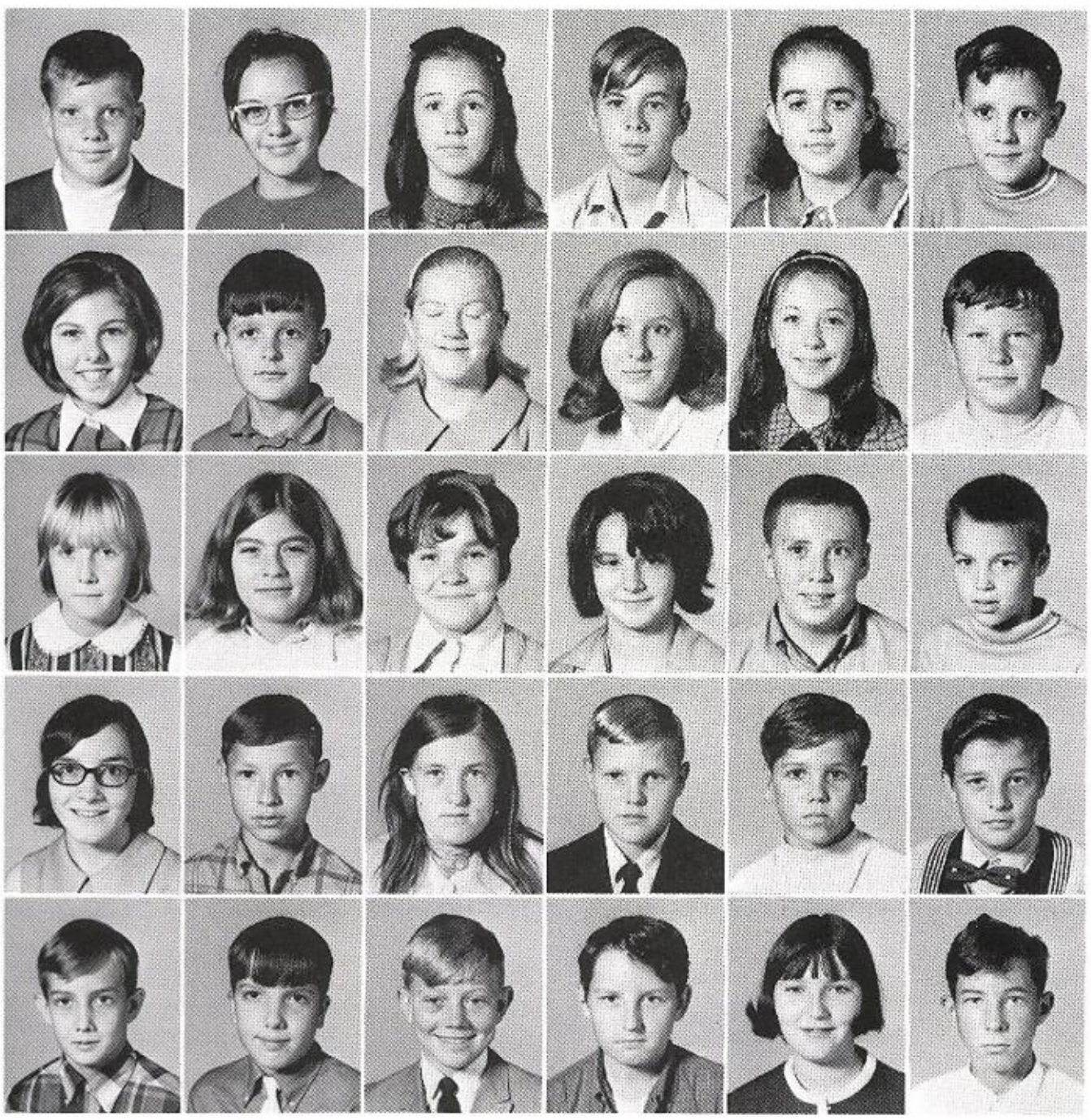


PLAYING BASEBALL IS fun but work, as is demonstrated by a girl's physical education class.



ASSIGNMENTS DEMAND MUCH concentration on the part of these involved students, seen through an open door.

Classroom Life Presents Variety of Work



SEVENTH GRADE

Marsh, Ricky
Marshall, Cynthia
Martin, Vickie
McClelland, James
McCowan, Teresa
McCoy, David

McFadden, Gail
McKee, Ronnie
McKenzie, Yolanda
McKisson, Pattie
McVay, Becky
Merechka, Mark

Miller, Joyce
Minor, Julie
Misc, Dana
Montgomery, Edna May
Montgomery, Tommy
Moore, Bobby

Morrison, Nancy
Morten, David
Moses, Donna
Moses, Ricky
Newton, Darrell
Norried, Joe

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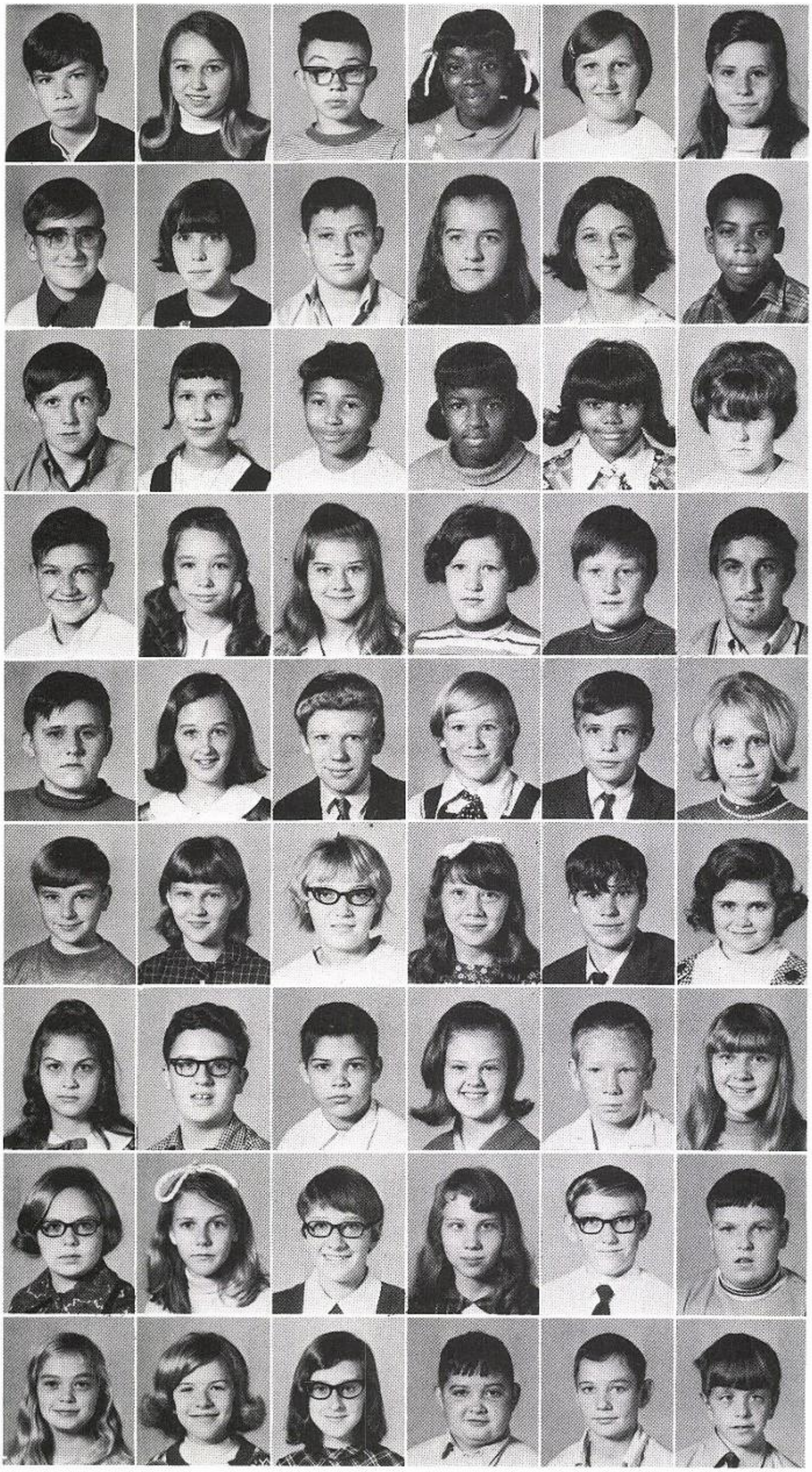
O'Kelley, Charles
Parks, George
Parks, Ricky
Pate, Kim
Patterson, Carl



SEVENTH GRADE

Peden, Van
Peevey, Kimberly
Peevy, Ralph
Perry, Janette
Peters, Alta
Phillips, Delphinia

Powell, Randall
Price, Cheryl
Pullan, John
Ragge, Suzie
Reed, Drona
Reese, James

Reeves, Gerald
Reynolds, Melvin
Richardson, Jamie
Richardson, Mary Jane
Richardson, Pam
Riley, Jackie

Robinson, Jerry
Rodgers, Patsy
Rogers, Janet
Ross, Terry
Rowe, Ronny
Rush, Jerry

Sabin, Robert
Sargent, Nancy
Scales, John
Scott, Cindy
Servold, Gary
Shappy, Judy

(Terry Scott on next page)

Shaw, Arnold
Shaw, Pamela
Shearburn, Pam
Shelly, Janis
Shipman, William
Short, Jane

Shultz, Vicky
Simpkins, Clareuce
Simpson, Eric
Sirmon, Terri
Spence, Andy
Stephenson, Mary

Steward, Lisa
Stockton, Susan
Stratton, Rita
Stringer, Downa
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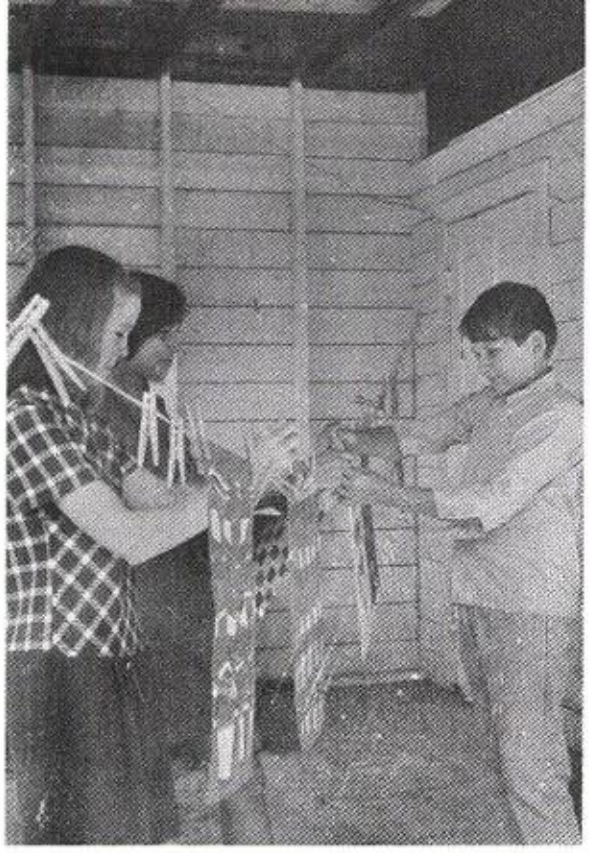
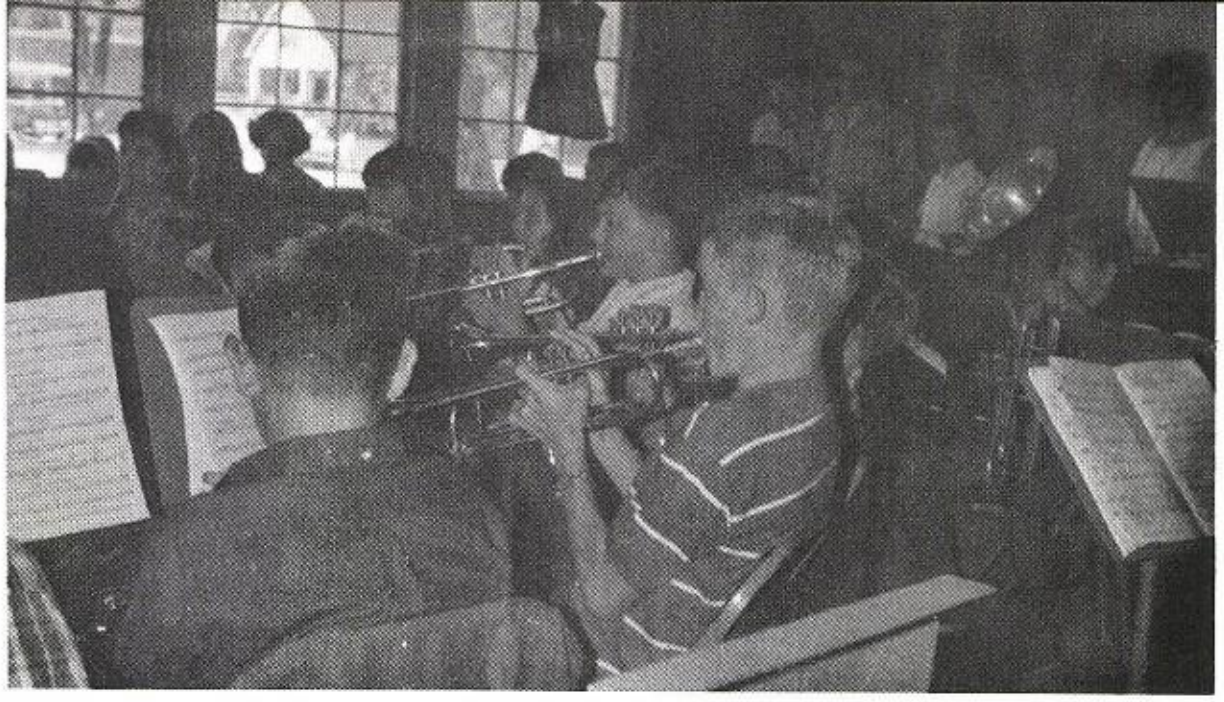
Stringer, Larry

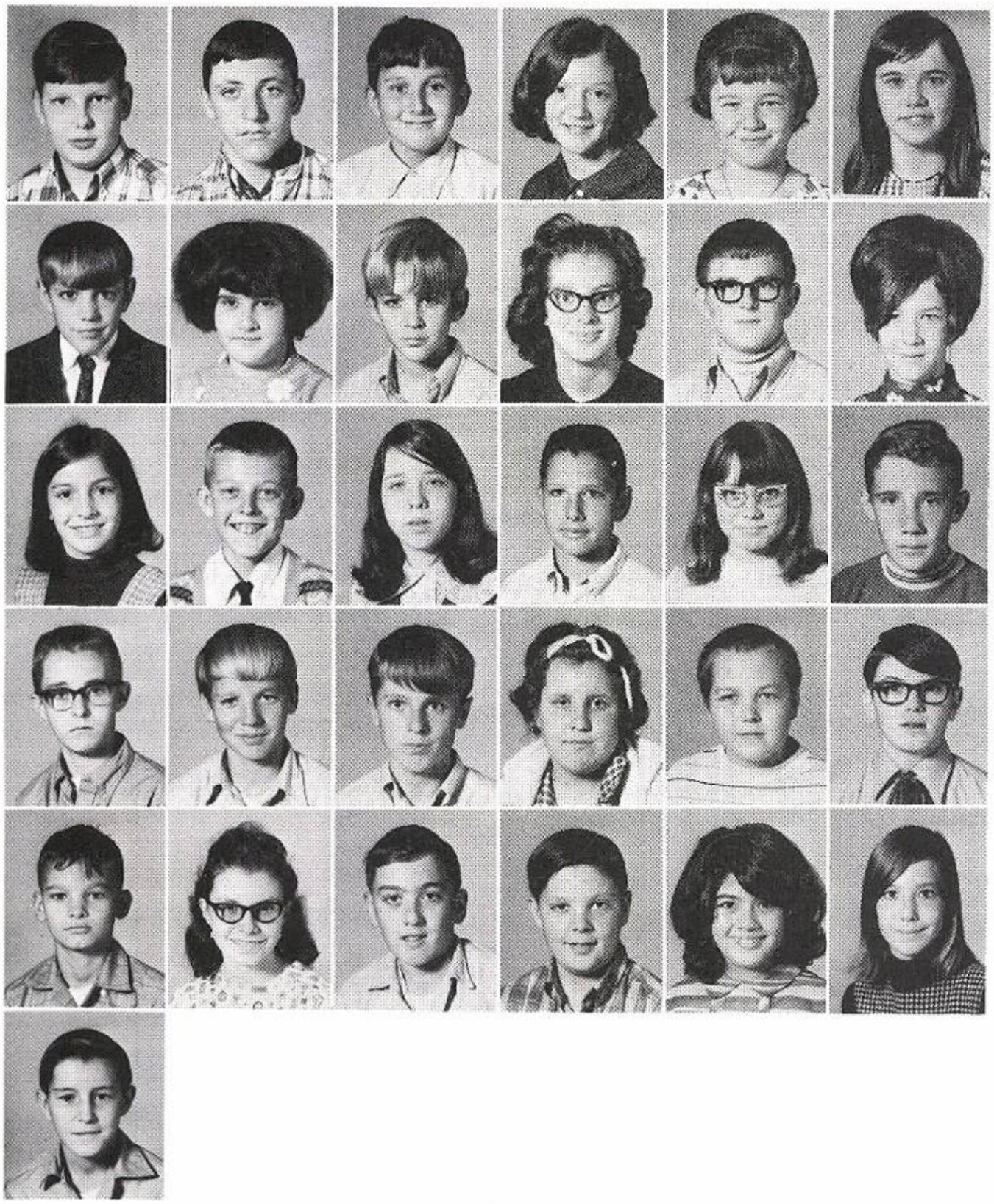
Sweeden, Gail
Symonds, Hope
Tabor, Debbie
Tanner, Larry
Taylor, James
Teague, Rickey





BEGINNER BAND MEMBERS must practice every day to hit the mark of perfection. (At left) Art involves more than just a brush and some paint, as these enthusiastic students demonstrate.

New Experiences Mean New Knowledge



SEVENTH GRADE

Scott, Terry
Thomas, Randy
Thrailkill, Danny
Tiffin, Barbara
Tillery, Debbie
Tounzen, Betty

Trent, Fred
Tudon, Vicky
Tudor, Wallace
Tugg, Mary
Turner, Ronnie
Wagnon, Debra

Wallus, Cindy
Watson, Richard
Wells, Debra
Whited, Richard
Wilburn, Shirley
Wiley, Eddie

Wilkens, Ricky Don
Williams, Bill
Williams, Kendall
Willis, Linda Sue
Wilson, Mark
Wing, Gary

Wise, Roger
Wood, Dee Vee
Woodard, George
Woods, George
Yancy, Glinda
Yerby, Leah

Young, William

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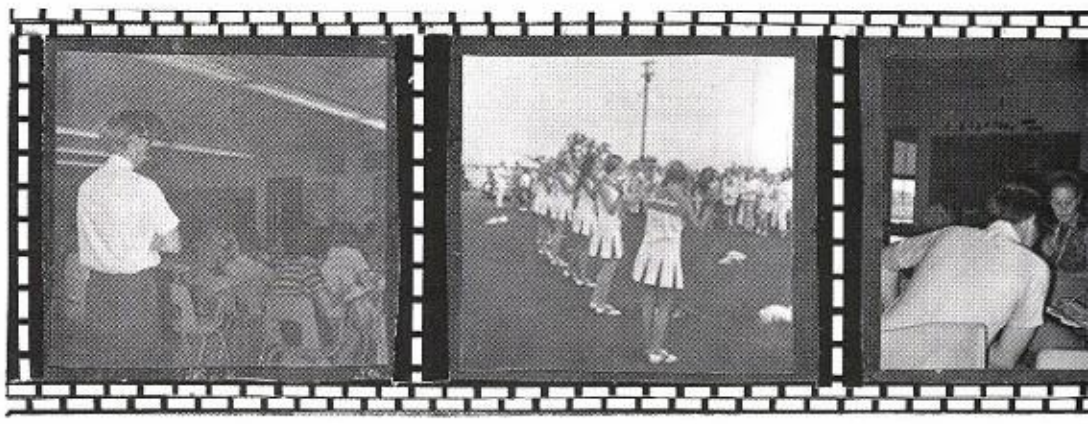

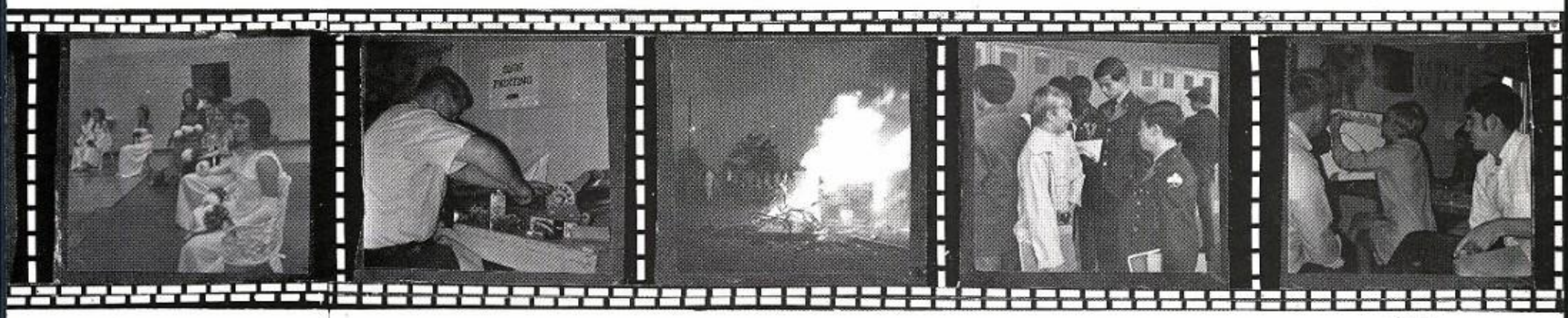

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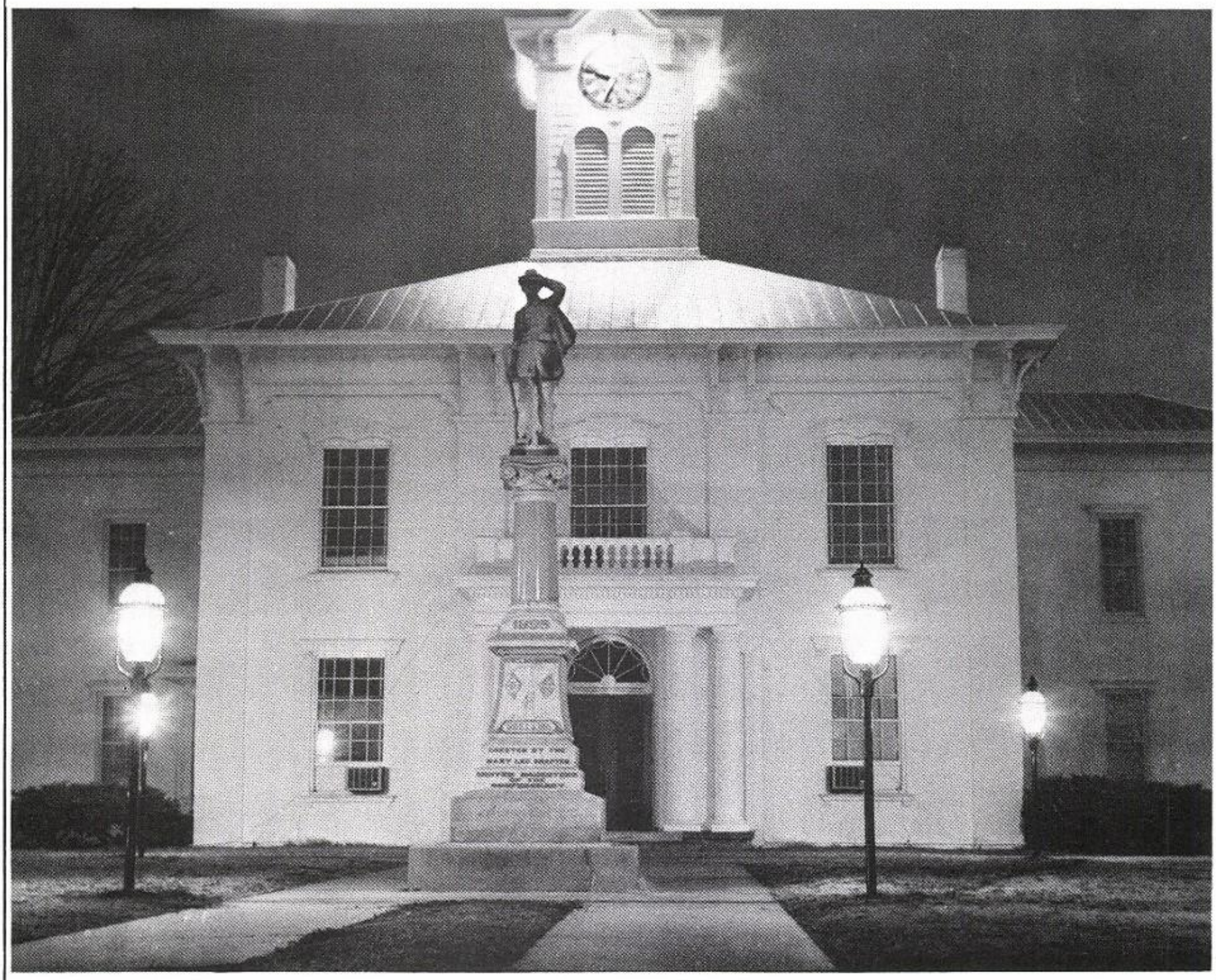

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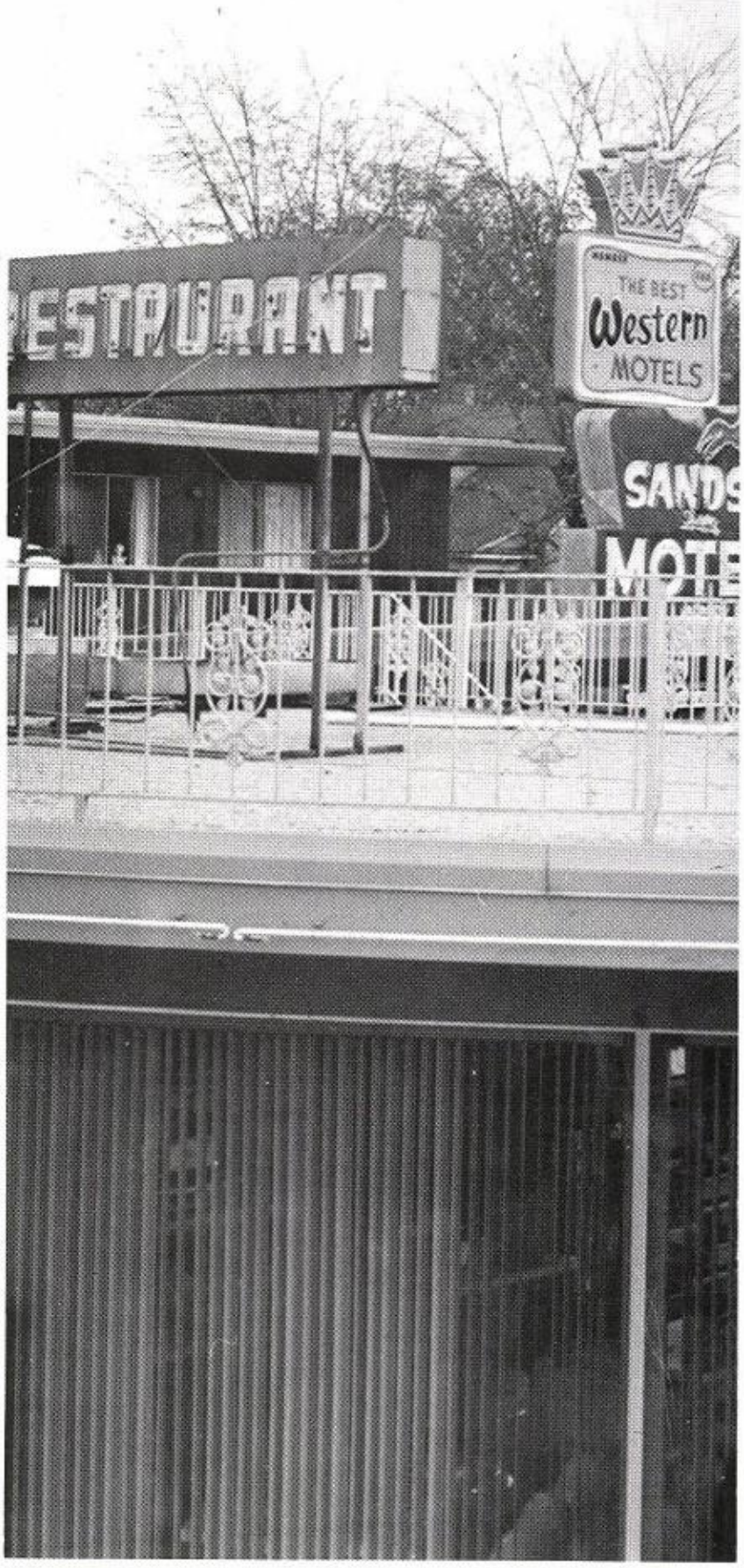

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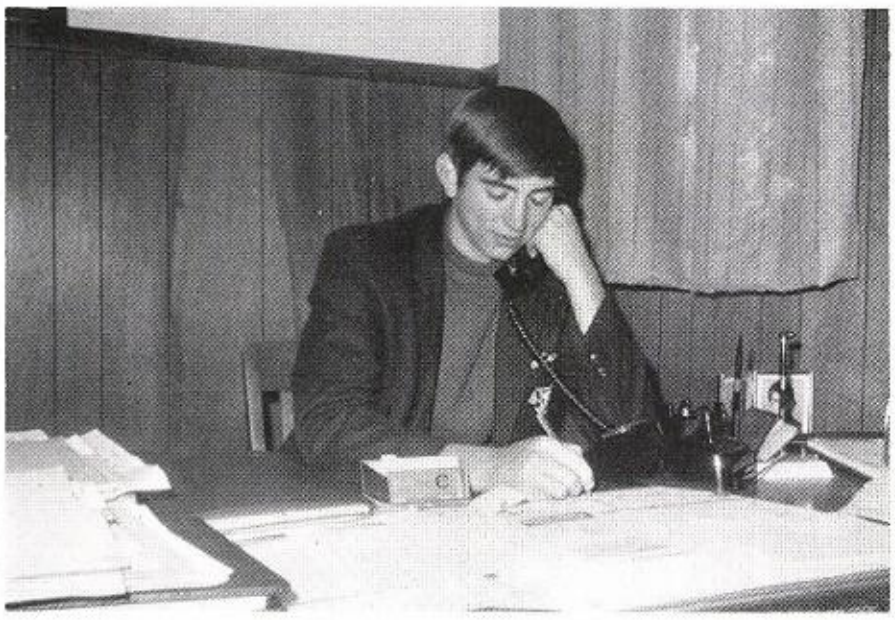

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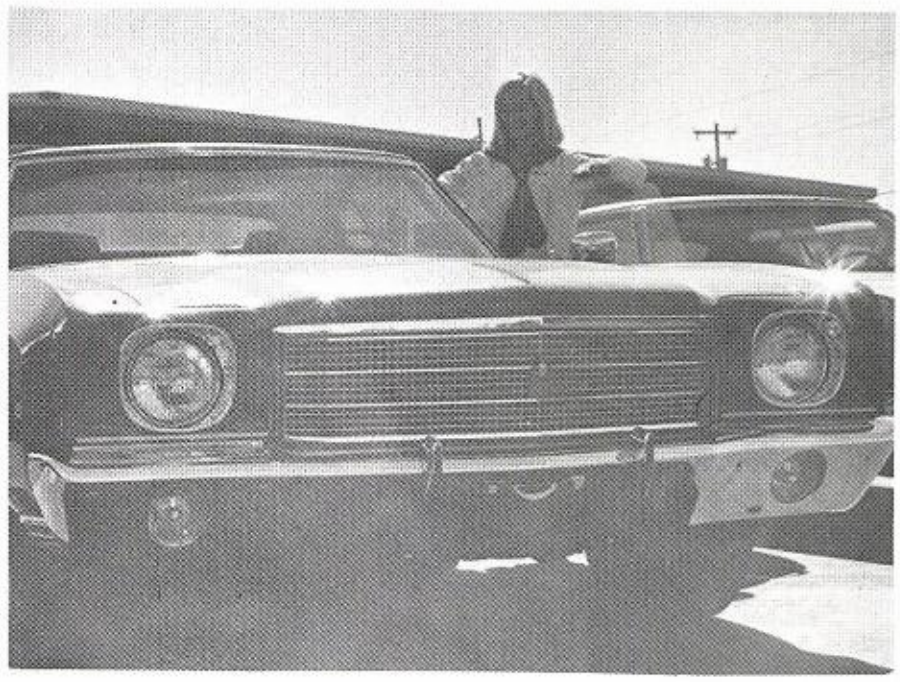

NEW 1970 CHEVROLET'S have eye catching appeal as Cindi Neal looks over one with an approving smile.

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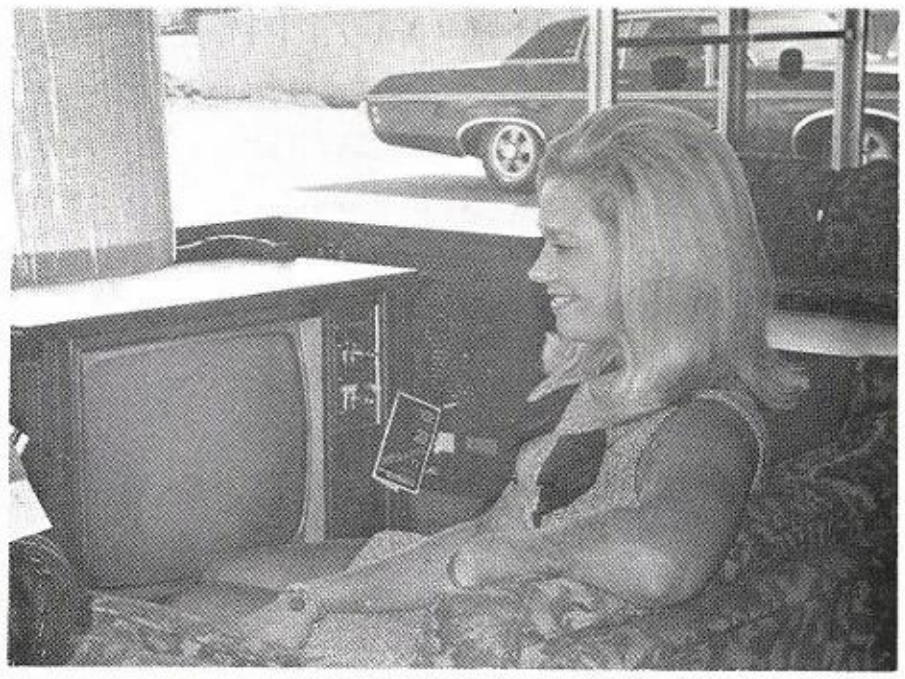

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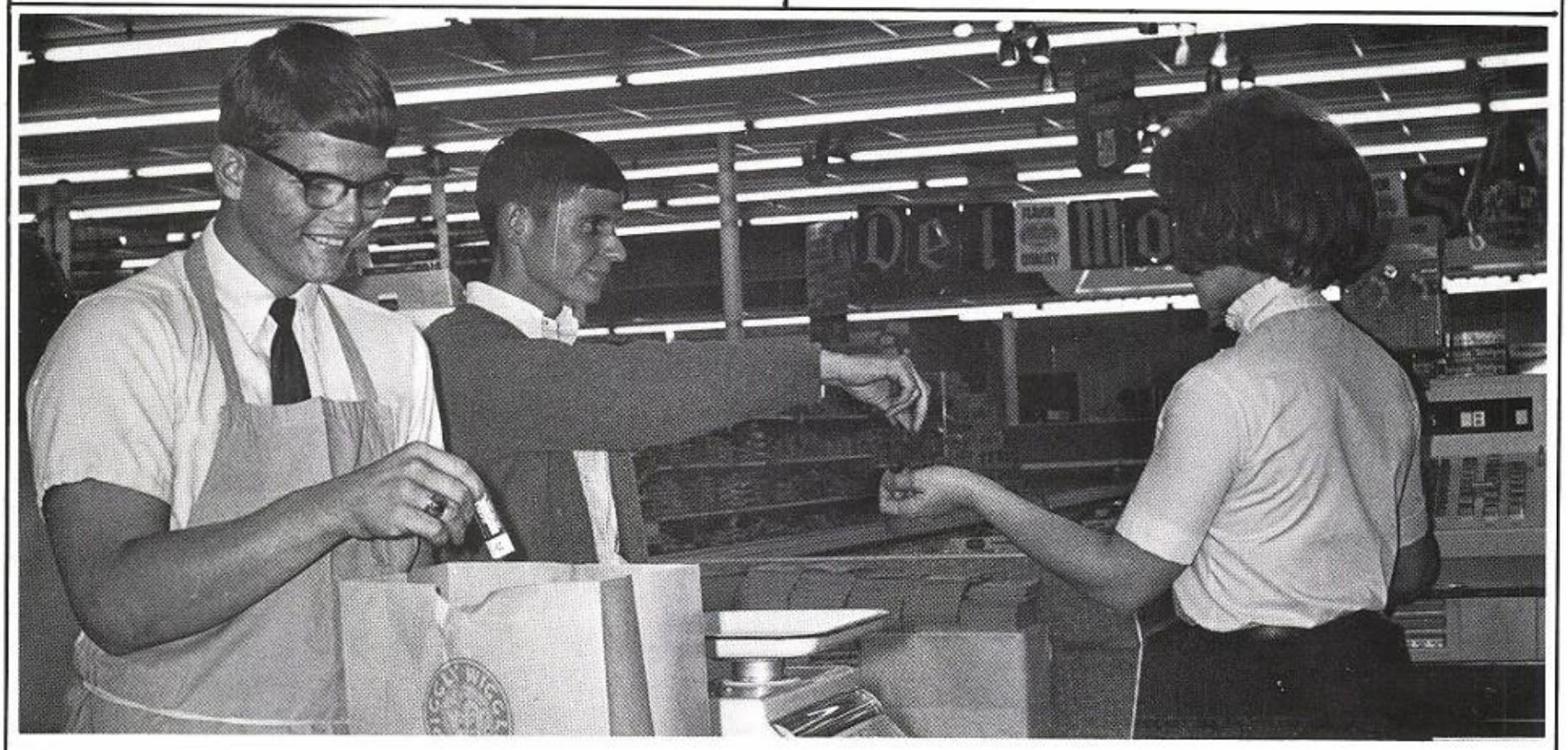

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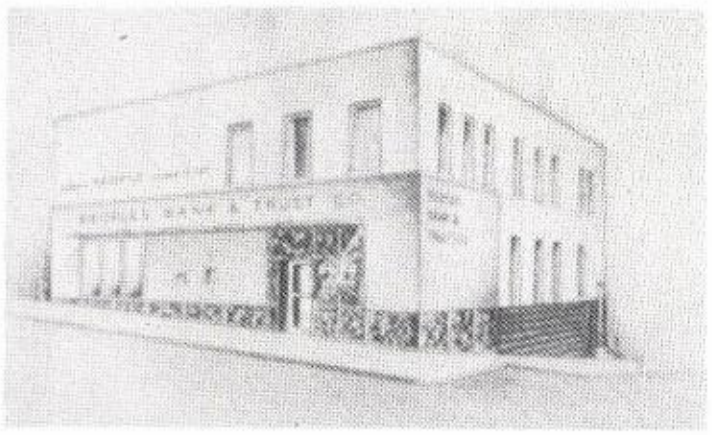

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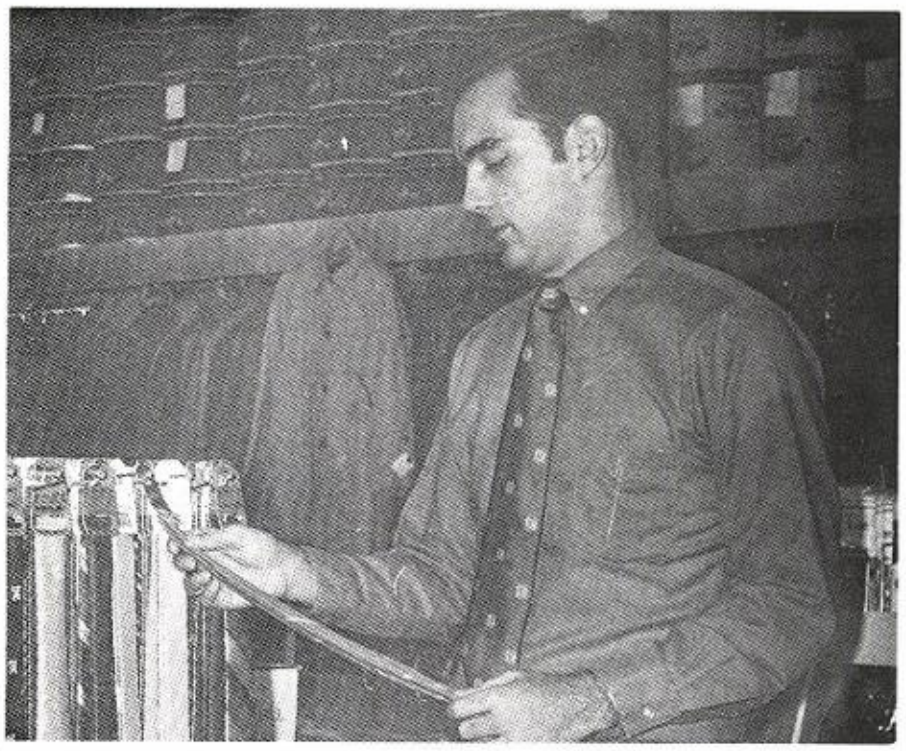

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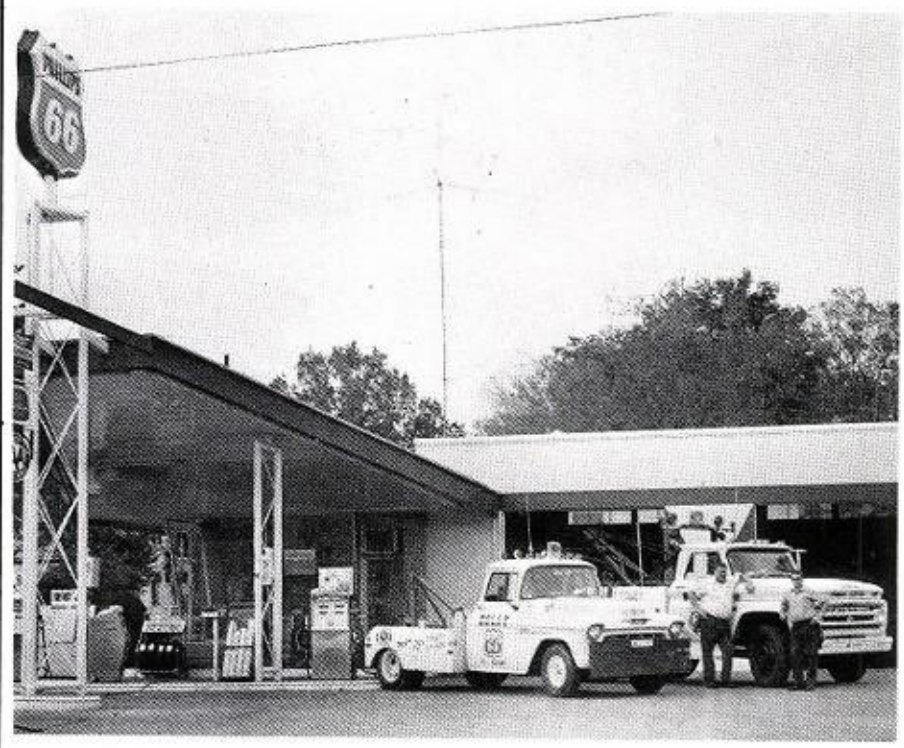

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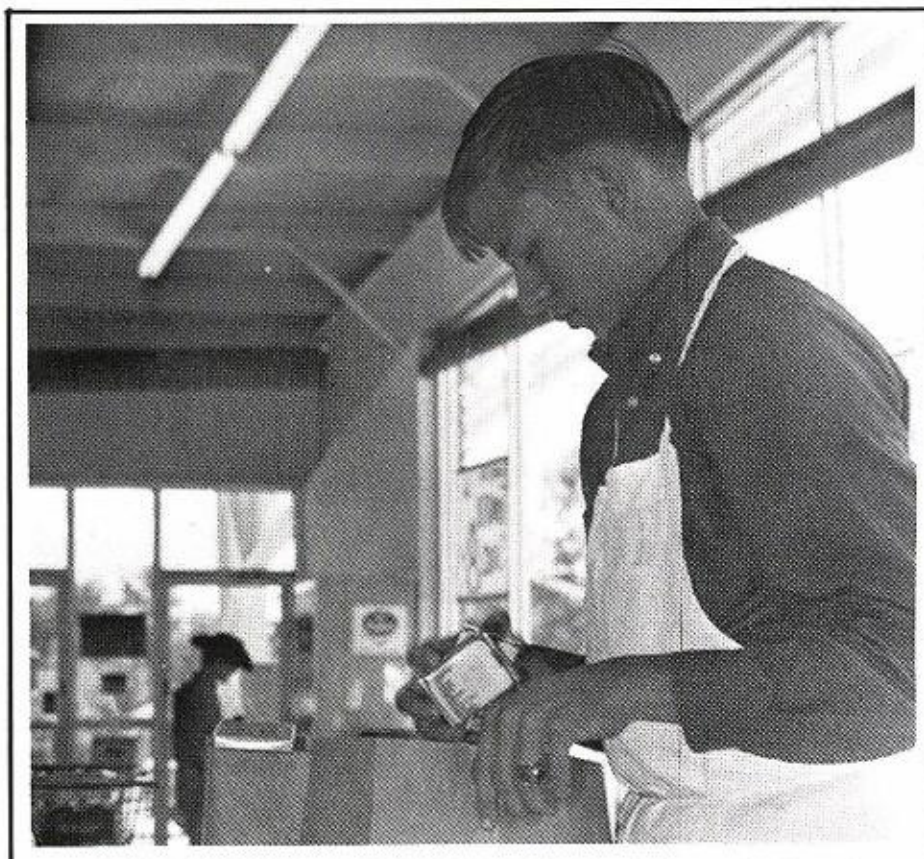

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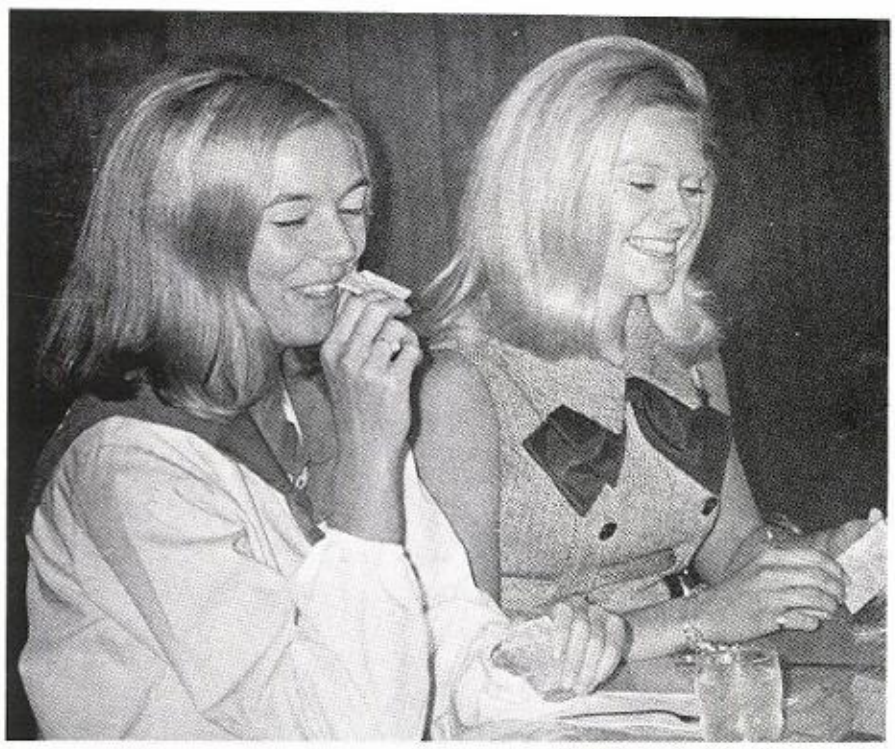

HOOKY PLAYERS? No, just Linda Hopkins and Cindi Neal taking advantage of the friendly service offered at Bo Monte's

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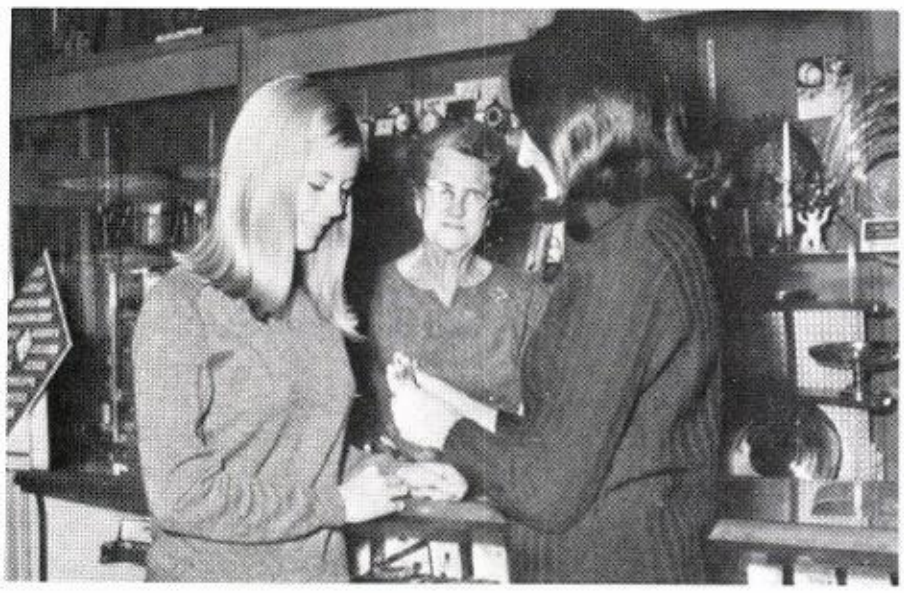

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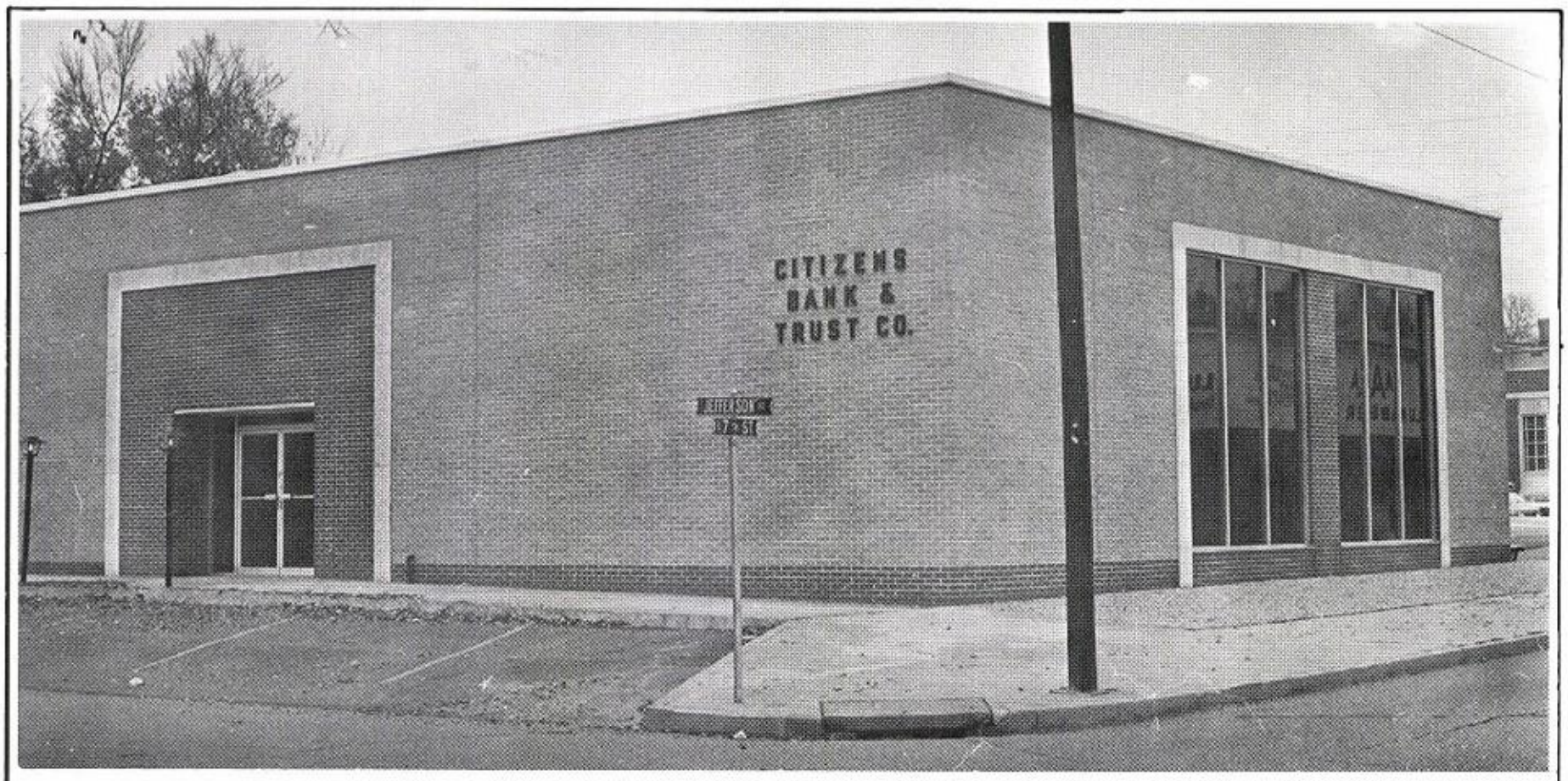

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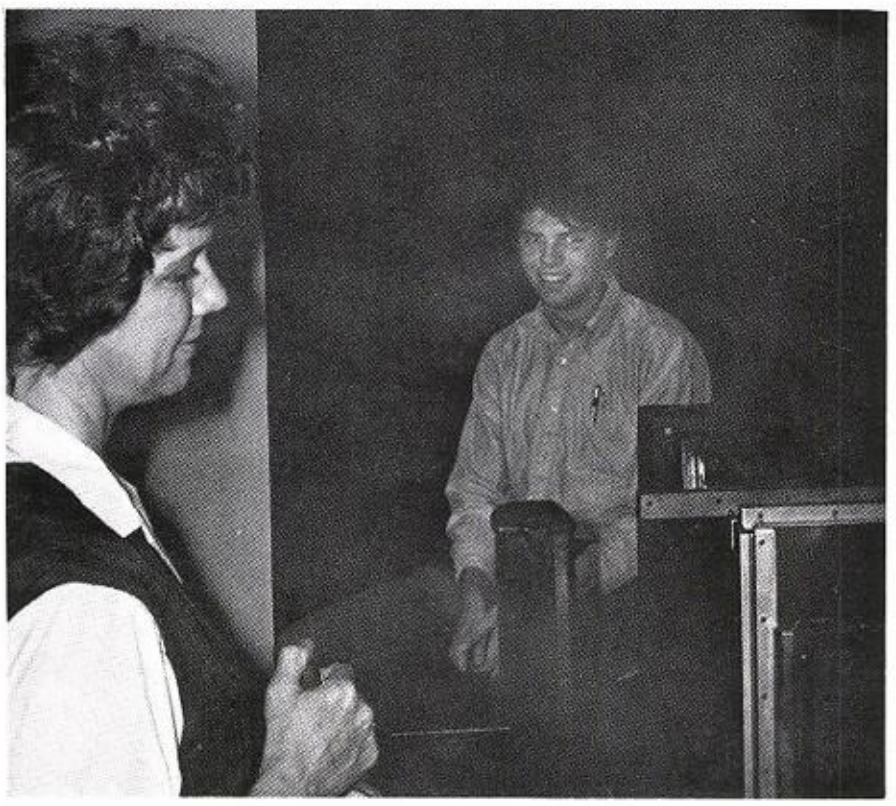

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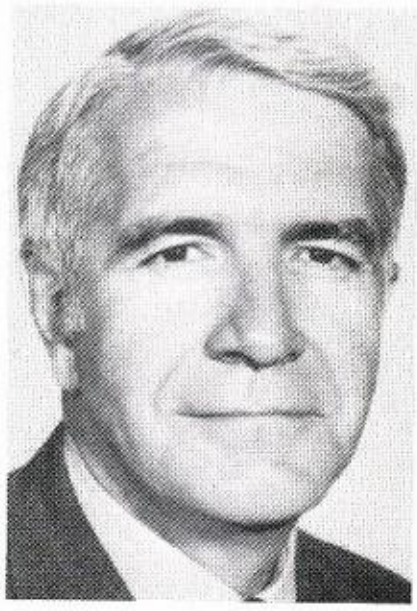

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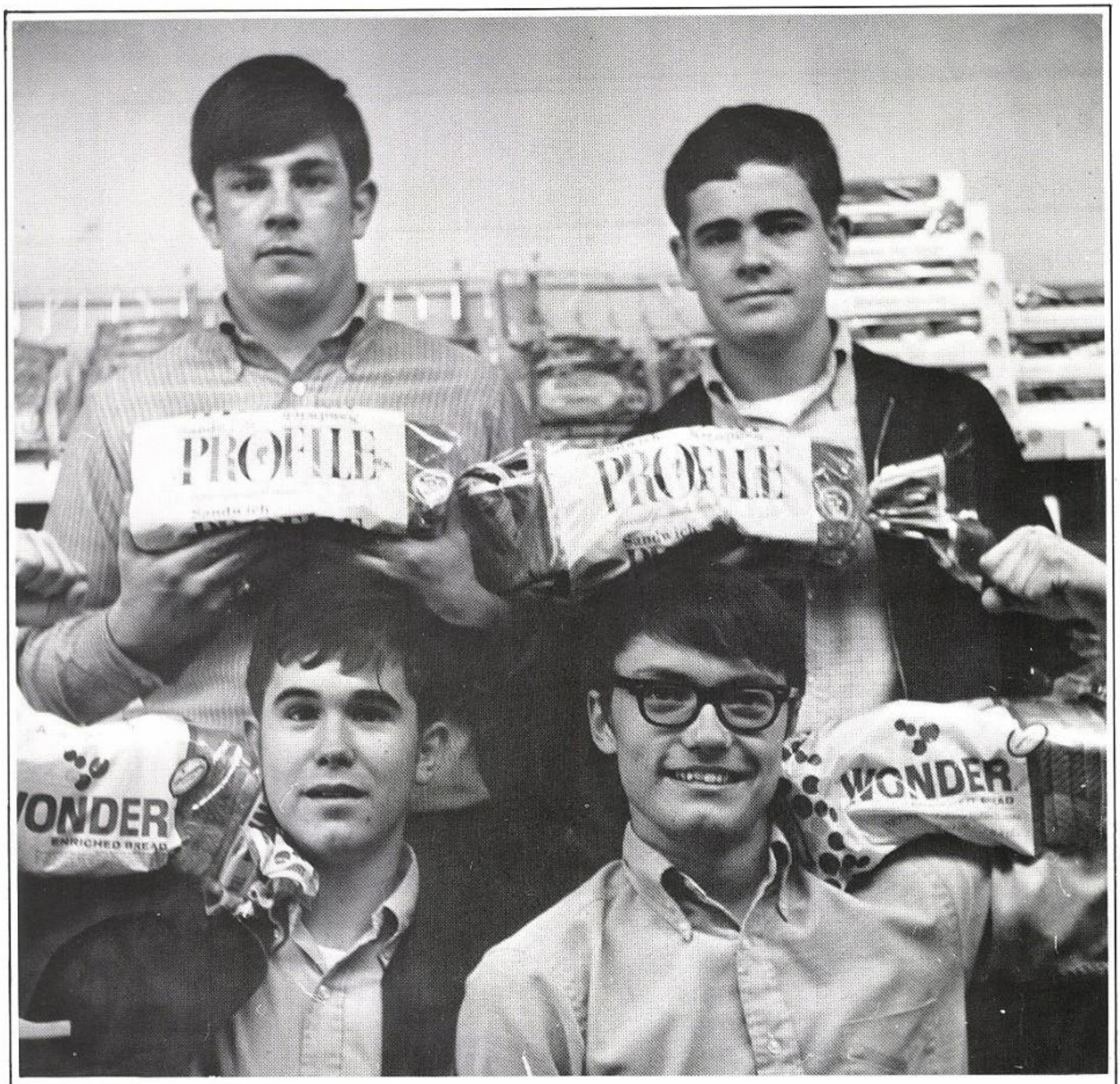

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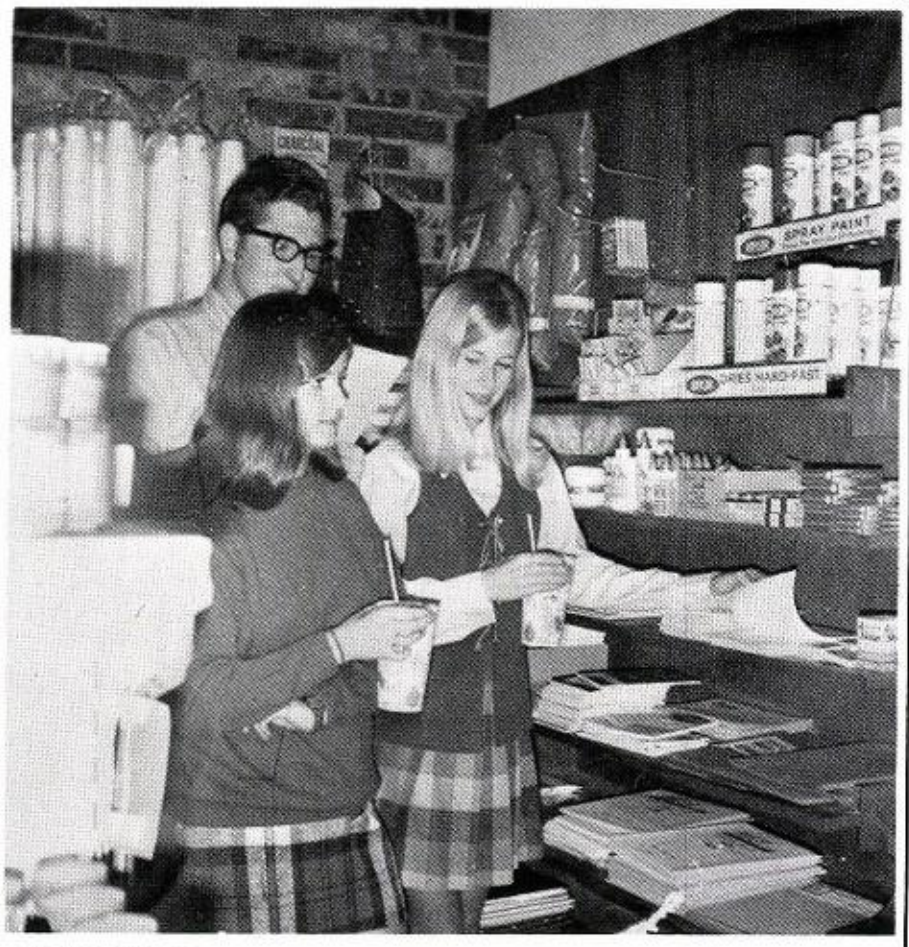

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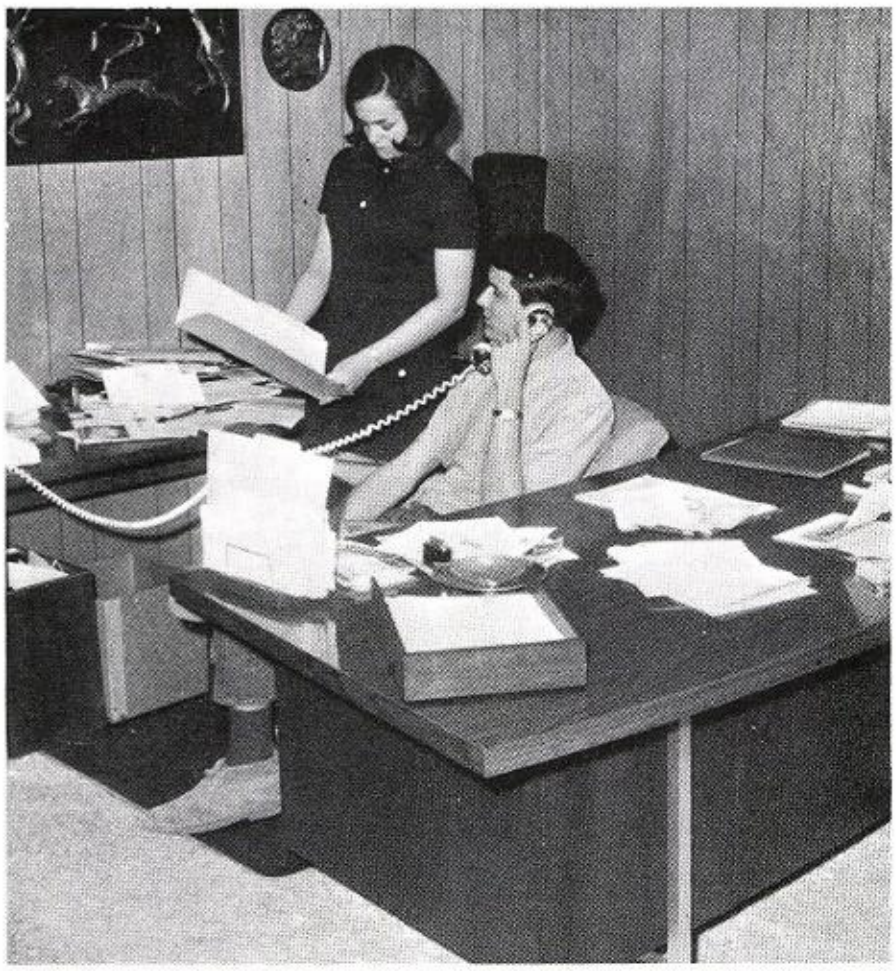

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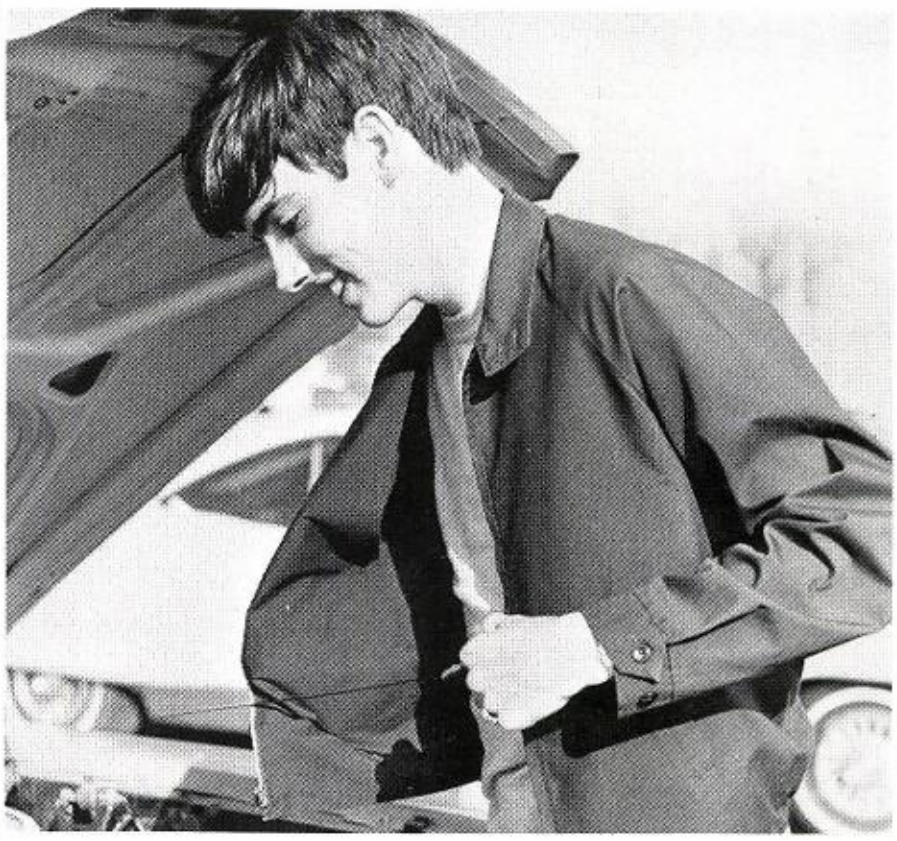

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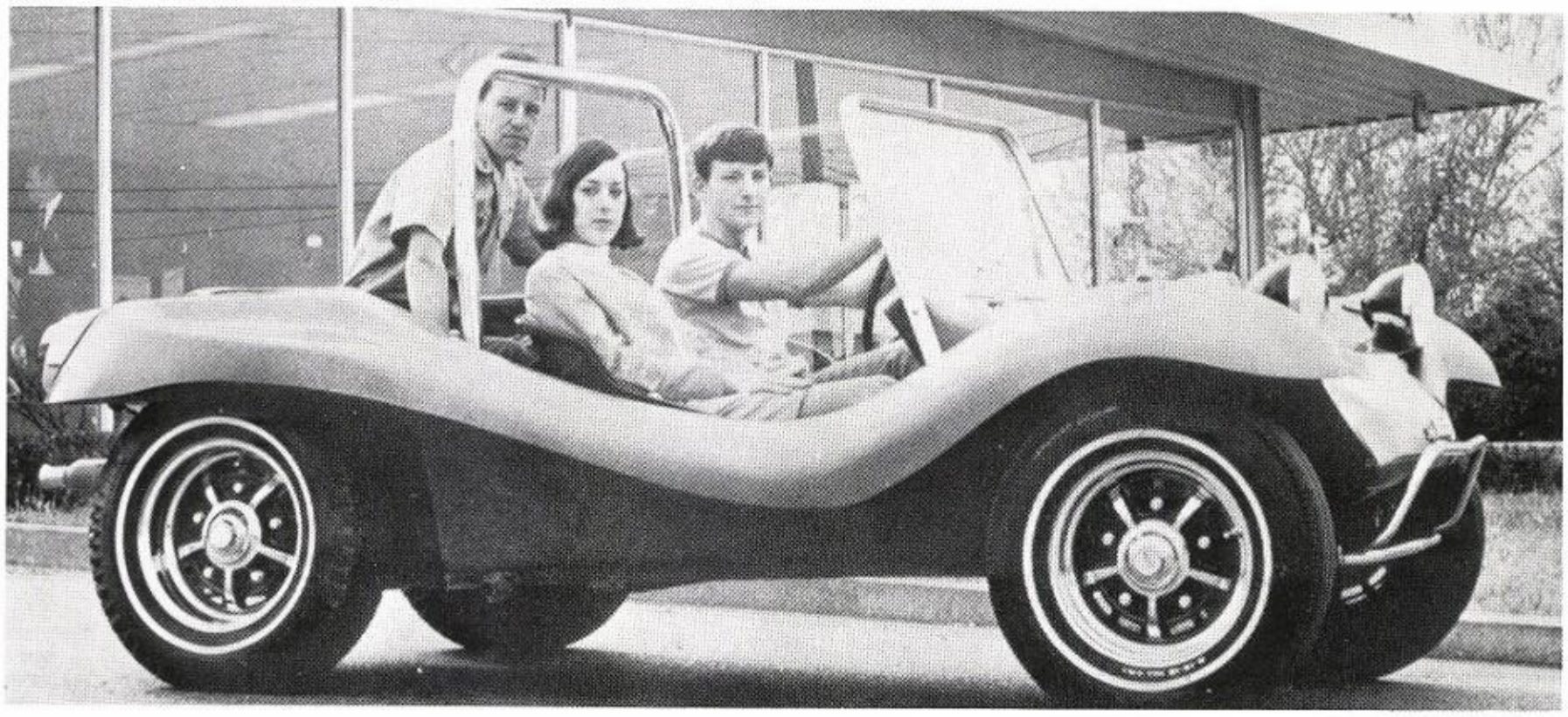

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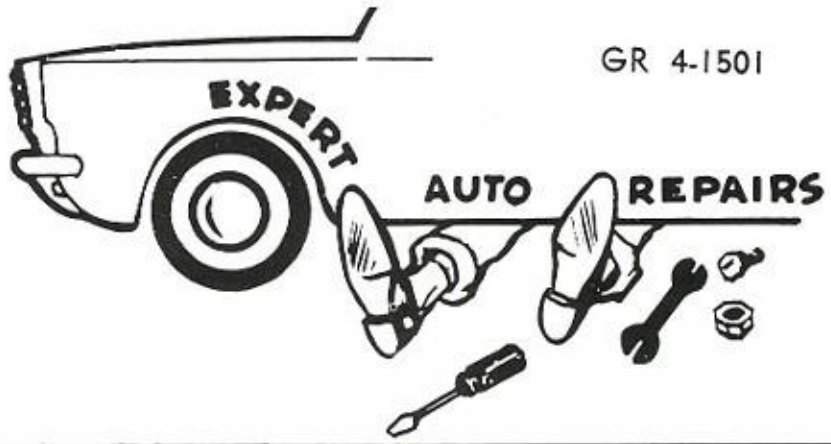

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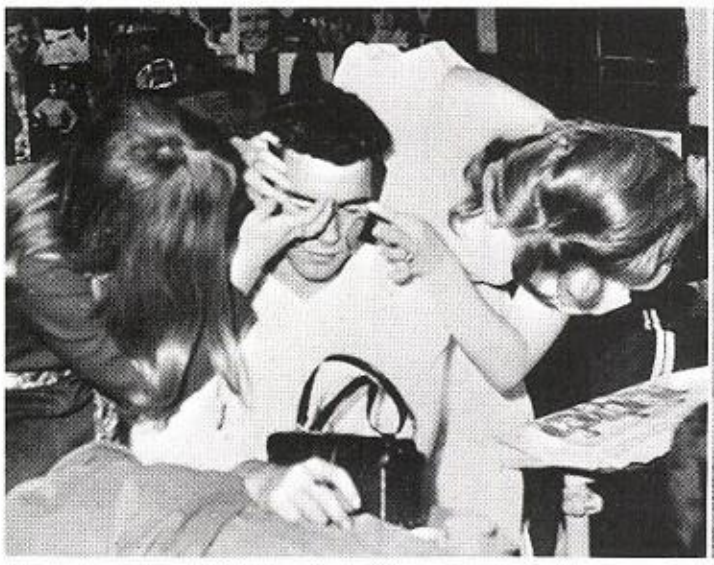

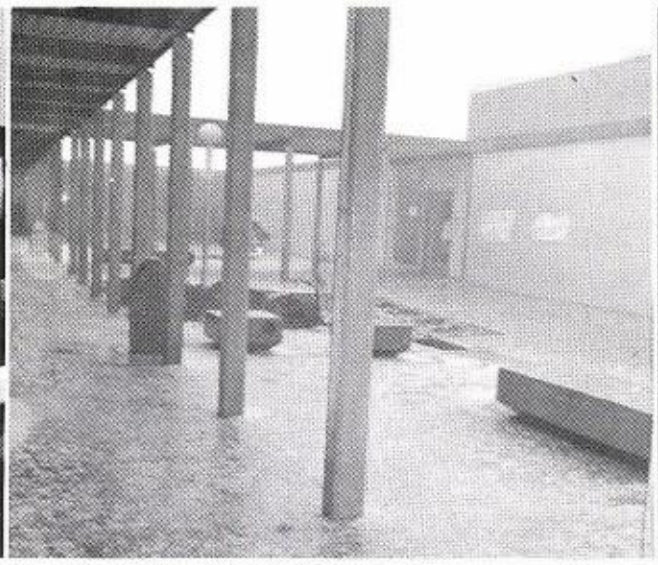

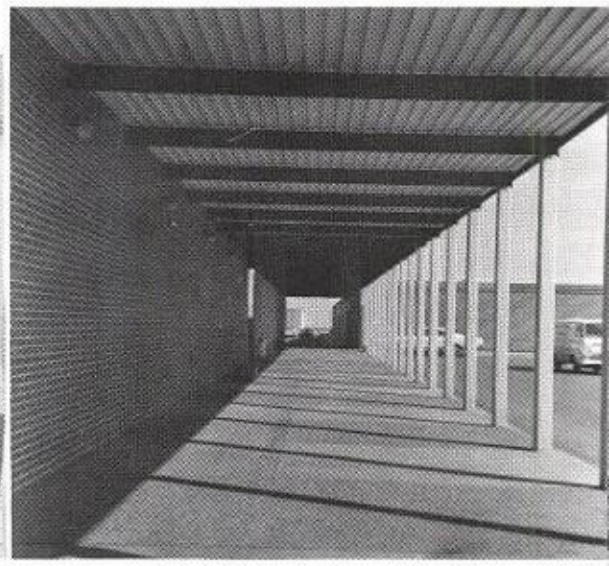

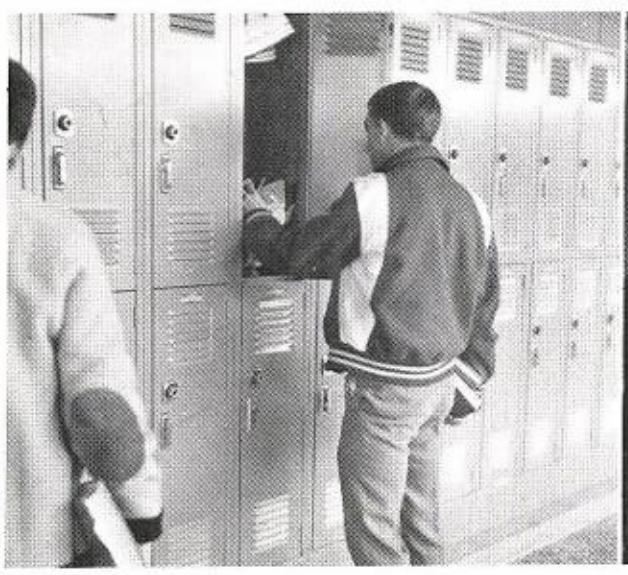

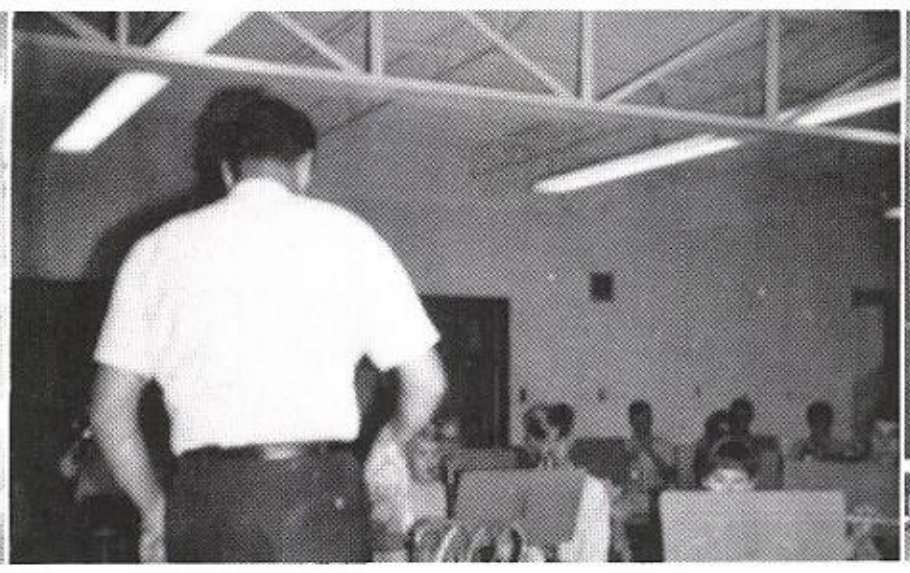

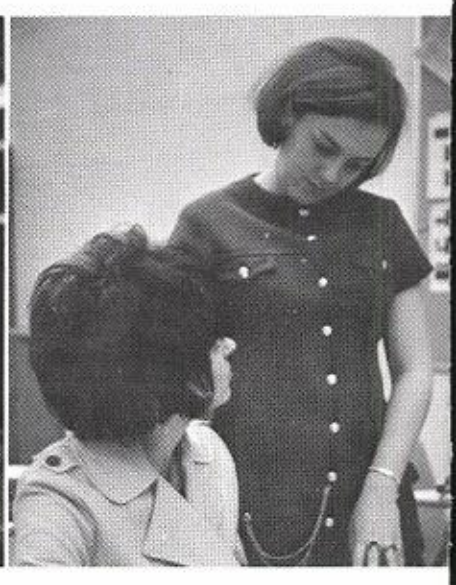

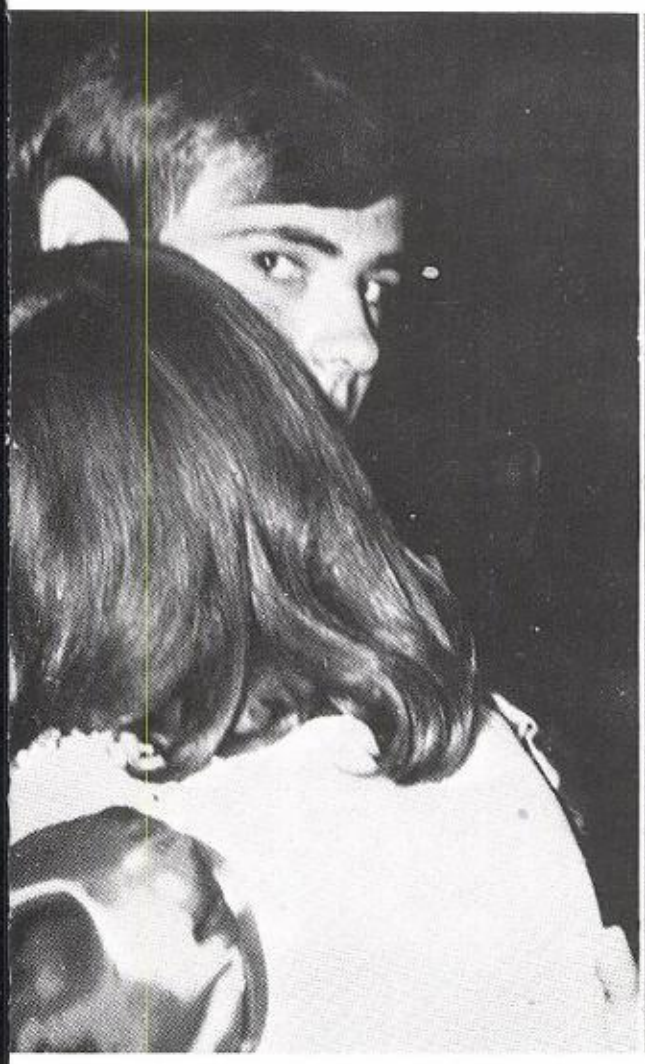

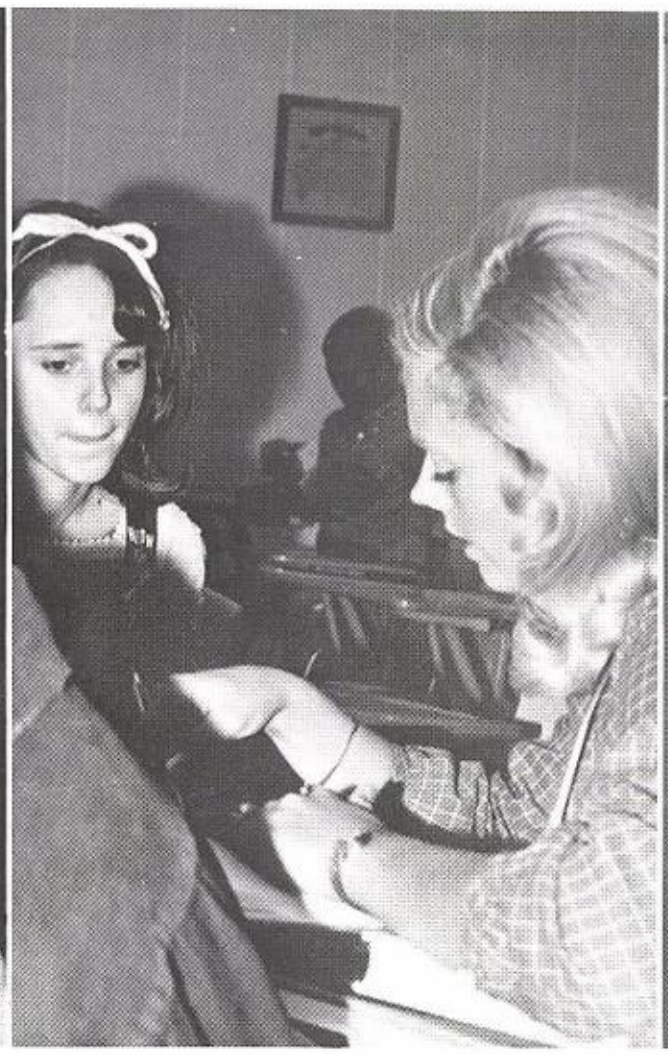

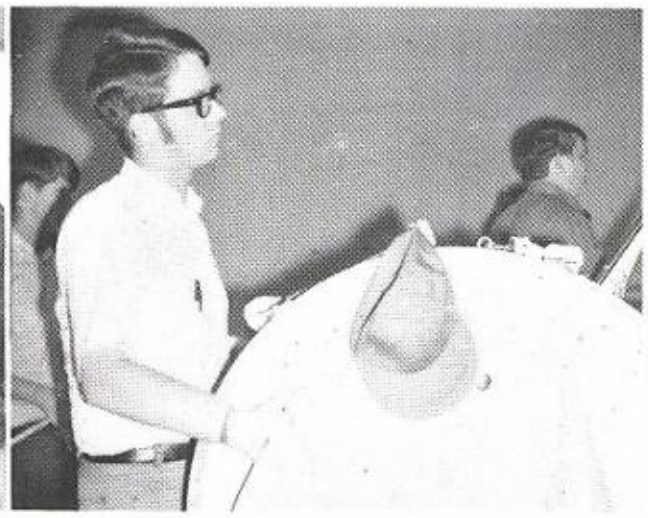

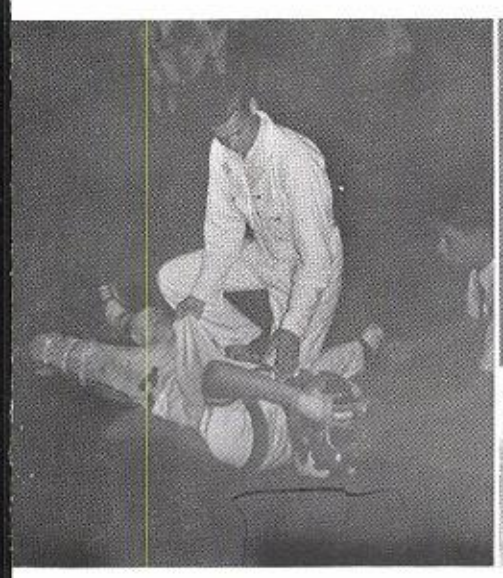

POINTER BOOSTERS march into the gym in a wild out-of-focus manner that sets spirits high and inspires a cry for victory.

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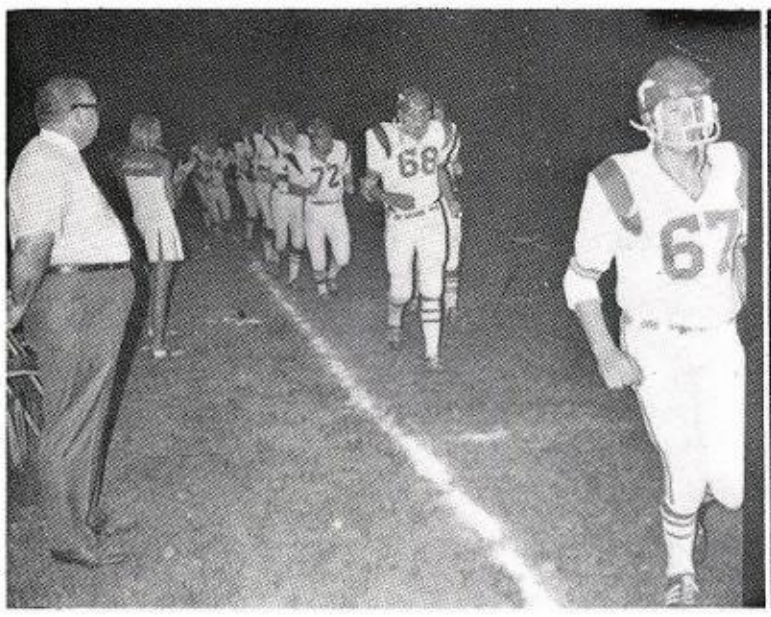

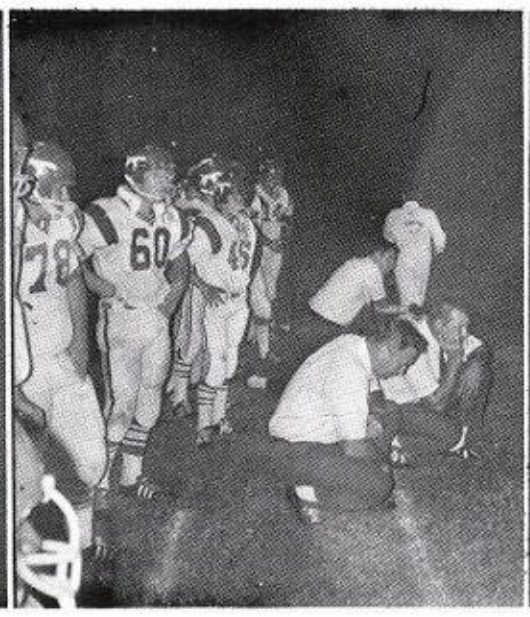

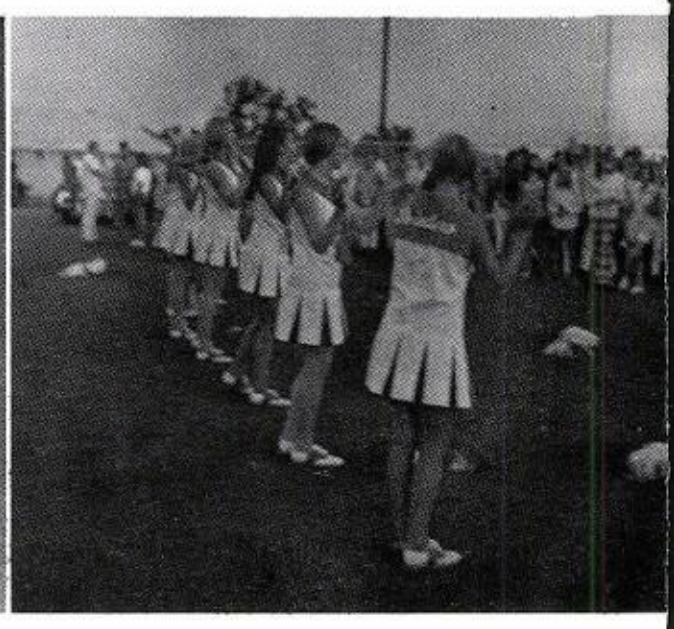

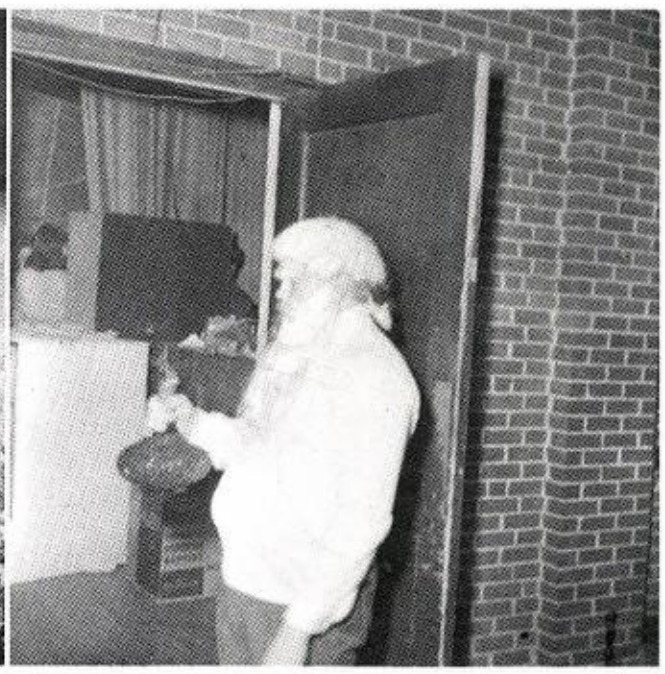

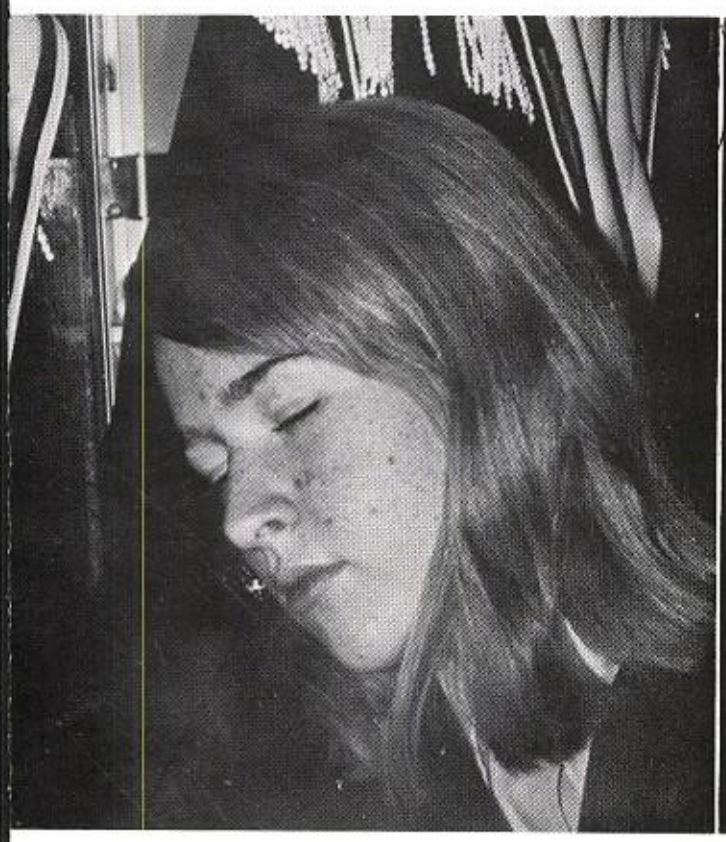

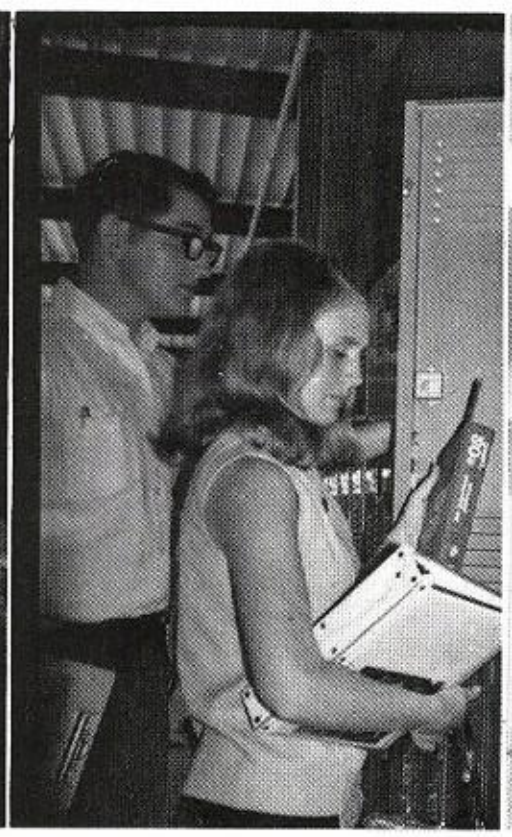

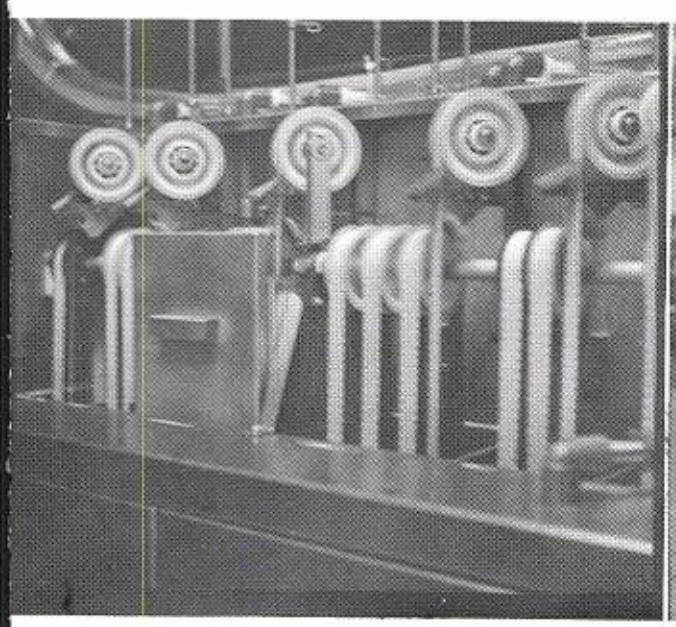

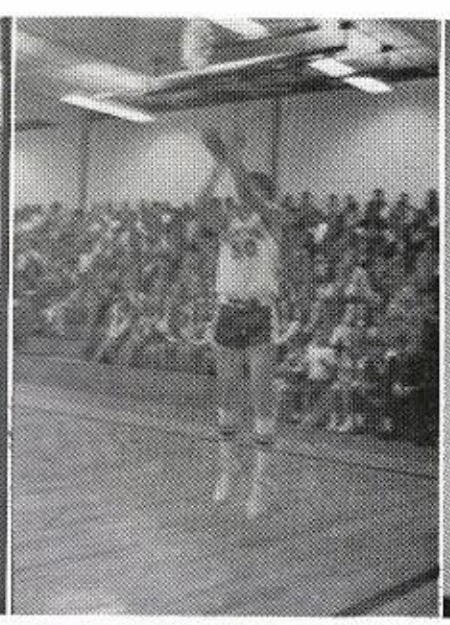

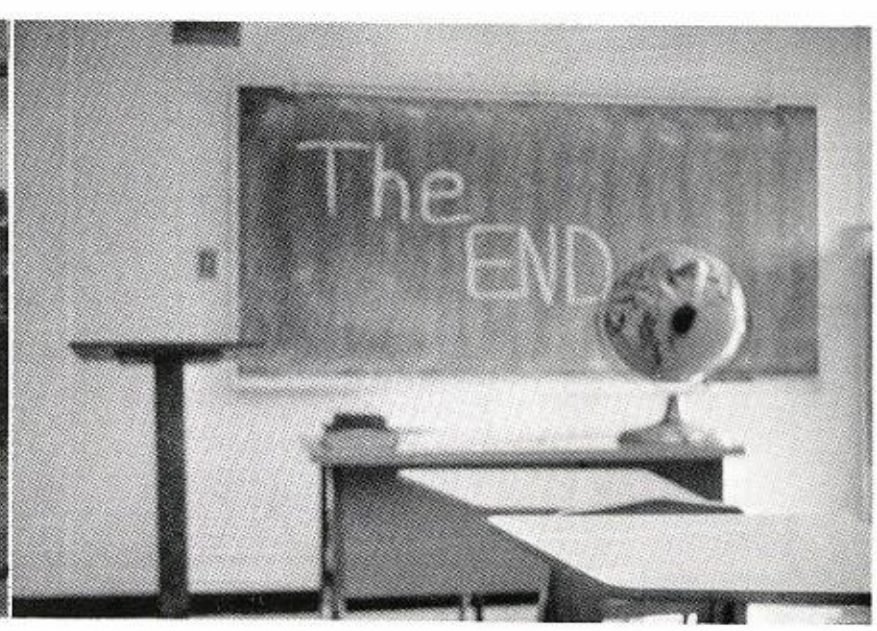
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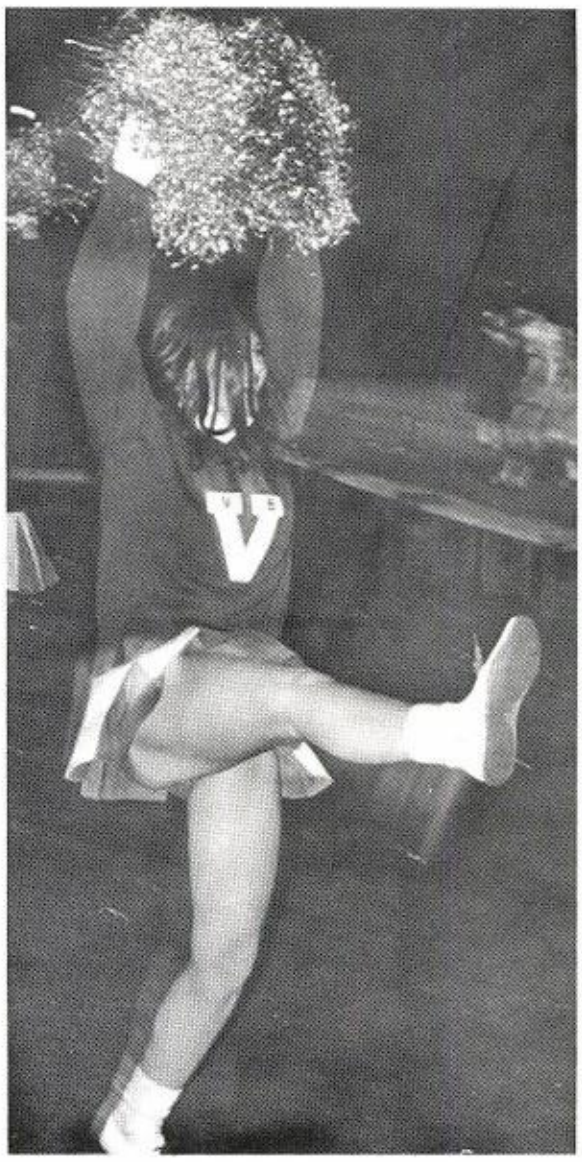

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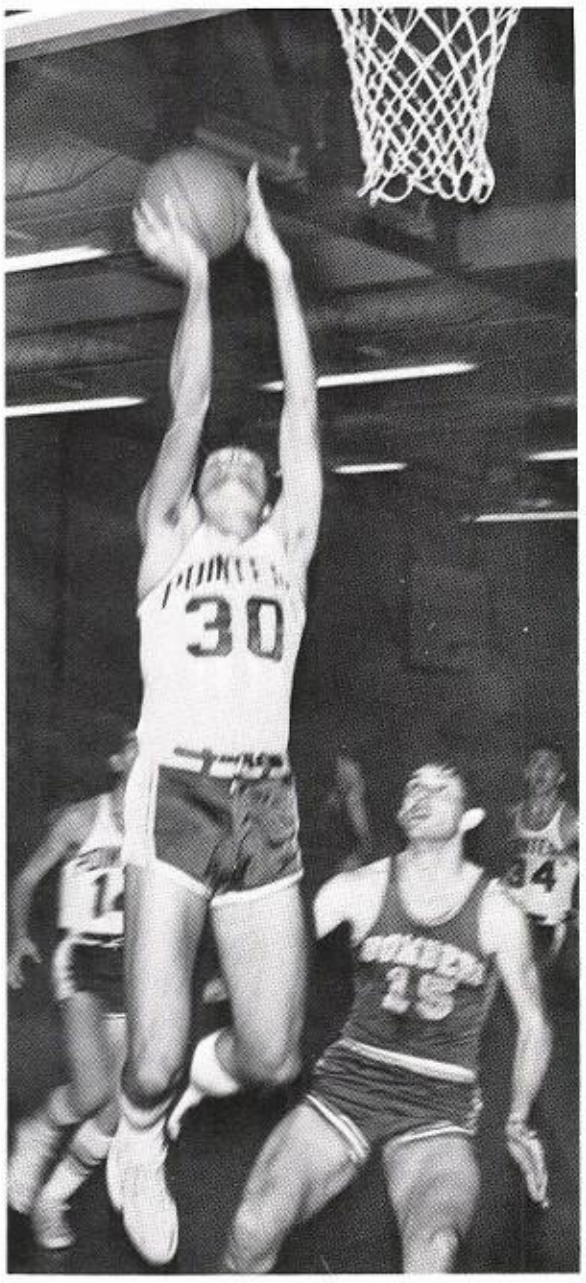

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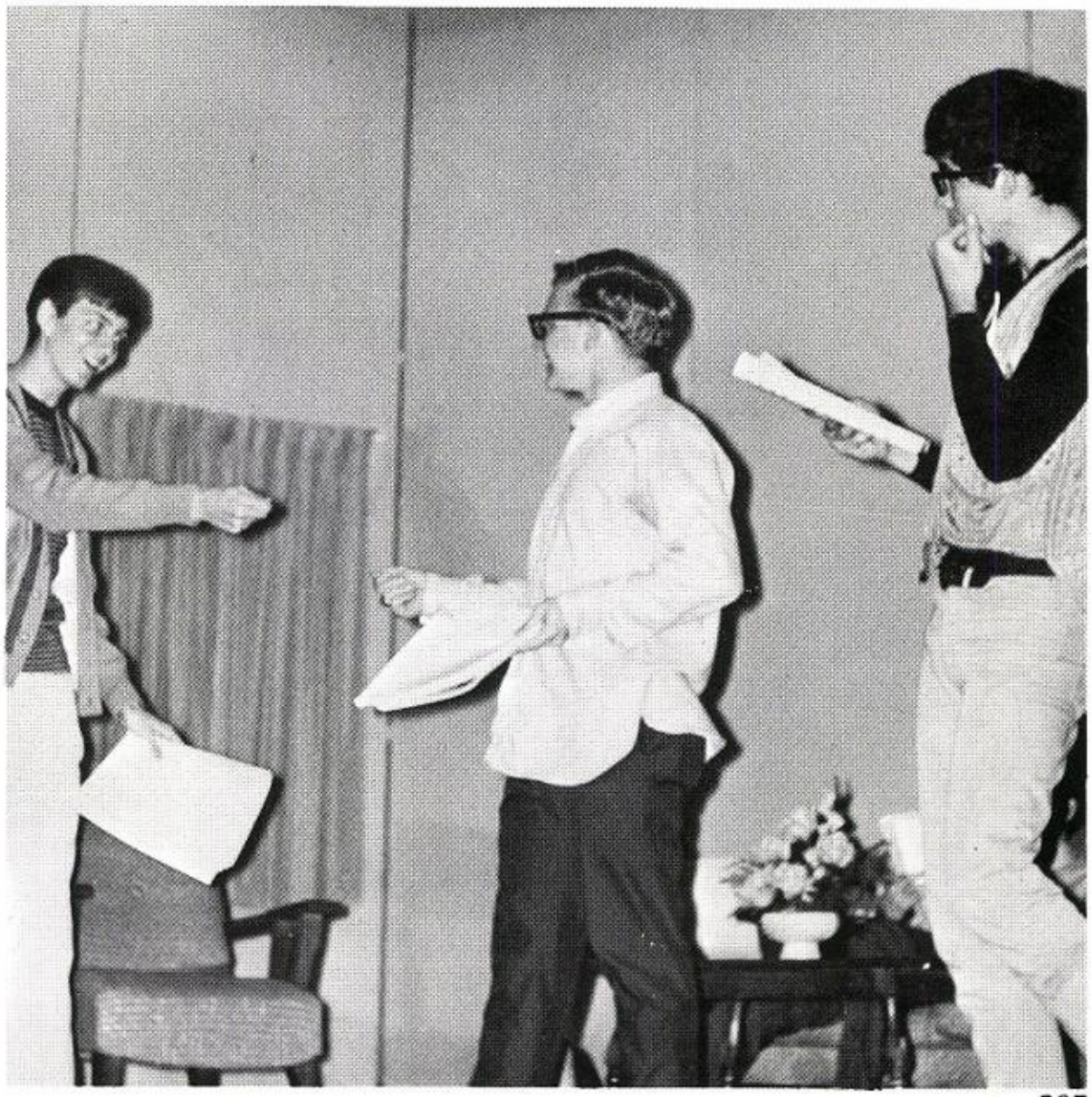

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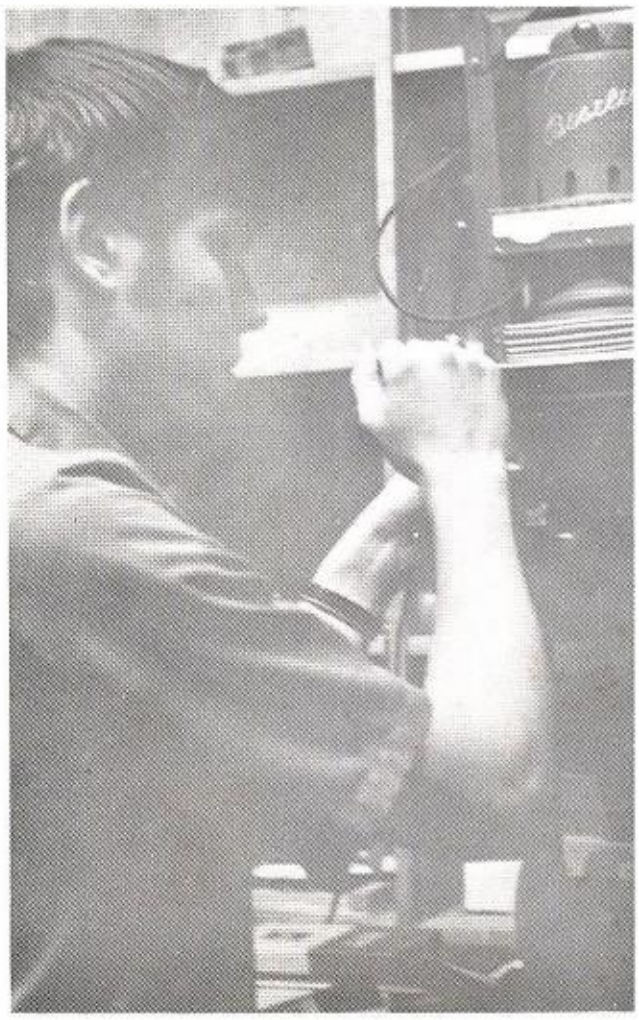

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